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### Obama: US Won't Stop Confronting Islamic State

President Barack Obama arrives to speak in Edgartown, Mass., Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014, about the killing of American journalist James Foley by militants with the Islamic State extremist group. The president said the US will continue to confront Islamic State extremists despite the brutal murder of journalist James Foley. Obama said the entire world is "appalled" by Foley's killing. The president says he spoke Wednesday with Foley's family and offered condolences.

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

The United States stood firm Wednesday in its fight with Islamic State group militants who beheaded a U.S. journalist in Iraq, pledging to continue attacking the group despite its threats to kill another American hostage. The U.S. military

continued its airstrikes against the group as President Barack Obama denounced the group as a "cancer" threatening the entire region. "We will be vigilant and we will be relentless," Obama said. The execution of James Foley drew international condemnation. Germany announced it would supply

the Kurds in Iraq with weapons to fight the insurgents. Italy's defense minister said the country hopes to contribute machine guns, ammunition and anti-tank rockets. French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said the killing showed the true face of this "caliphate of barbarism." In capitals across the Middle East, by contrast,

the news of Foley's death was met with silence, even in Syria and Iraq, the two countries where the Islamic State is strongest. On social media, people in the region condemned Foley's killing, but stressed that the Islamic State has been committing atrocities against Iraqis and Syrians for years. The journalist's parents, Di-

ane and John Foley, spoke to reporters, and Diane Foley said her son was courageous to the end and called his death "just evil." Obama's remarks affirmed that the U.S. would not scale back its military posture in Iraq in response to Foley's killing.

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# Airstrike kills wife and child of Hamas figure

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**GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)**

— Hamas' shadowy military chief escaped an apparent Israeli assassination attempt that killed his wife and infant son, the militant group said Wednesday

day. In a nationally televised address, Netanyahu showed little willingness to return to the negotiating table after six weeks of war with Hamas.

"We are determined to continue the campaign with all means and as is needed," he said, his de-

side, all but three of them soldiers.

A six-day temporary truce collapsed into heavy fighting after Egyptian-mediated talks broke down without an agreement on an extended cease-fire. Hamas has demanded an end to an Israeli-Egyptian

day, Hamas officials announced that Deif was not in the targeted home at the time and was still alive. Deif has survived multiple assassination attempts, lives in hiding and is believed to be paralyzed from previous attempts on his life.

Abu Obeida, the spokesman for Hamas' military wing, said Israel was "unable to get to our commander Deif," adding that he will "lead the army that will enter to liberate the holy al-Aqsa mosque" in Jerusalem.

Asked whether Deif had been targeted, Netanyahu said: "The leaders of terror organizations are legitimate targets. No one is immune."

The house belonged to a family of known Hamas supporters. In footage taken after the strike, rescue workers were seen searching for survivors in the rubble where the building once stood.

Thousands of people attended the funeral for Deif's family, with a relative carrying the body of his son, shrouded in a white burial cloth. Mourners chanted "revenge" during the procession.

In a televised statement, Abu Obeida also warned international airlines against flying into Israel starting Thursday. Earlier in the conflict, airlines suspended flights into Israel after a rocket landed in a town near Israel's main international airport. □



**Palestinians sit in front of a destroyed bus after late night Israeli strikes in Gaza City, Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014.**

(AP Photo/Khalil Hamra)

as Israel's prime minister warned that the bombardment of Gaza will continue until rocket fire out of the Palestinian territory stops. The airstrike on a home where Mohammed Deif's family members were staying — and the tough talk from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — came after the collapse of cease-fire talks in Cairo on Tues-

fense minister by his side. "We will not stop until we guarantee full security and quiet for the residents of the south and all citizens of Israel."

More than 2,000 Palestinians have been killed in the fighting, most of them civilians, according to U.N. and Palestinian medical officials. Sixty-seven people have died on the Israeli

blockade of Gaza. Israel has demanded that Hamas disarm.

Palestinian militants launched dozens of rockets into Israel, while Israel carried out numerous airstrikes across Gaza. One airstrike on a Gaza City house killed Deif's 7-month-old son and one of his wives.

After remaining quiet for most of the day Wednes-

## US warns citizens of rise in canceled Venezuela flights

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**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**

— Come to Venezuela and you might get a longer trip than you bargained for.

The U.S. Embassy in Caracas issued an advisory Tuesday urging Americans to be careful when traveling to Venezuela because of the steep drop in airline service to the South American country.

The number of seats on flights between Venezuela and the U.S. has fallen by more than half since the beginning of the year, according to the Venezuela Airlines Association. The three largest U.S. carriers — Delta, American and United Airlines — all slashed their service to Venezuela this summer.

The cause: A dispute over some \$4 billion in cash trapped in the socialist country.

Decade-old currency controls mean that airlines need government approval to convert local earnings into dollars.

And the socialist government, running low on dollars itself, has been preventing carriers from repatriating revenue, with some airlines waiting over a year. Each successive reduction in service has left passengers scrambling to rebook seats, often for significantly more than they first paid. The scarcity of flights has sent airfares soaring; a one-way ticket to New York now costs more than \$1,000.

On Tuesday, the Embassy urged U.S. travelers to leave themselves enough time to make alternative arrangements should their return flights vanish.

While most carriers have reduced service, some, including Air Canada and Italy's Alitalia, have left Venezuela altogether.

Diminishing access to the global air traffic network has many middle class Venezuelans grumbling that they are trapped in their own country. □

## Afghanistan orders expulsion of NYT reporter

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**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**

— Afghanistan ordered a New York Times correspondent Wednesday to leave the country in 24 hours and barred him from returning over a story he wrote saying that a group of officials were considering seizing power because of the impasse over who won its recent presidential election, the attorney general's office said in a statement. The attorney general's office called Matthew Rosen-

berg, 40, into their office Tuesday and asked him to reveal his sources, which he refused to do, the Times reported. On Wednesday, the attorney general's office said the story threatened Afghanistan's stability and security, announcing that he was being expelled. The statement suggested that the reporting, which relied largely on unnamed sources, was fabricated. The Afghan Foreign Affairs Ministry and security agencies had been notified of the expulsion, the state-

ment said.

A story on the newspaper's website Wednesday said it was "appalled" by the government's decision to expel Rosenberg and stood by his story.

"Matt is a terrific reporter who reported an accurate story," said Dean Baquet, the newspaper's executive editor.

"He was perfectly willing to talk to the Afghan government but obviously wasn't going to reveal his sources."

The United Nations mis-

sion in Afghanistan also "expressed concern over the acts of intimidation" against Rosenberg, U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said in New York.

President Hamid Karzai's spokesman, Aimal Faizi, said Rosenberg's ejection came from the "clear fabrication" in his story, which amounted to an attempt to undermine the security and stability of the country. He said the government had complained to the newspaper over previous stories. □



# Slain American journalist remembered as driven



Diane and John Foley talk to reporters after speaking with U.S. President Barack Obama Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014 outside their home in Rochester, N.H. Their son, James Foley was abducted in November 2012 while covering the Syrian conflict. Islamic militants posted a video showing his murder on Tuesday and said they killed him because the U.S. had launched airstrikes in northern Iraq.

(AP Photo/Jim Cole)

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**ROCHESTER, New Hampshire (AP)** — In 2011, just after he was released from the Libyan prison where he'd been held for six

weeks, James Foley acknowledged the peril journalists face covering the world's most dangerous places, soberly conceding that a mistake could mean death.

"It's pure luck that you didn't get killed there. Pure luck," Foley said during the appearance at the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. "And you either need

to change your behavior right there or you shouldn't be doing this. Because it's not worth your life. It's not worth seeing your mother, your father, brother and sister bawling and you're worrying about your grandmother dying because you're in prison."

Foley went back overseas, was abducted in Syria in 2012 and held captive for months before he was slain. Islamic State militants on Tuesday posted a video on the Internet that showed his killing.

His mother said Wednesday that the 40-year-old from New Hampshire came out of the Libyan scrape more driven to tell the story of people oppressed by thuggish regimes. In a kitchen conversation, Diane Foley tried to steer her son into other pursuits.

"Mom, I found my passion. I found my vocation," she recalled him saying.

Former co-workers saw that intensity.

"He was determined to go

to Syria and he wanted to get the point of view of the Syrian people told," said Andrew Meldrum, assistant Africa editor for The Associated Press, who worked with Foley at GlobalPost in Boston. "He could have continued to work in the safety of Boston. It wasn't like he even made a decision. He was dead set on going there." It was not always comfortable for his colleagues. "He took you right there, and sometimes we were looking at things and thinking 'He's too close. He's too close,'" Meldrum said. "And you wanted to say, 'Pull back,' but it was compelling video. He really found his purpose in life in going out and reporting that story." Foley was abducted Nov. 22, 2012, and hadn't been heard from since. The militant Islamic State group said it killed him as a warning to the United States after U.S. airstrikes in northern Iraq. The group said a second hostage, journalist Steven Sotloff, would be executed unless the U.S. halts its intervention in Iraq. Sotloff published articles from Syria, Egypt and Libya in publications including Time.com, the World Affairs Journal and Foreign Policy. He posted links to many of them on his Twitter feed, and several focus on the plight of average people in war-torn places such as Aleppo, Syria.

Didier Francois, a longtime reporter for Europe-1 radio, was held hostage for eight months with Foley in Syria and was among four French journalists released in April. "He was an extraordinary guy, a superb journalist, someone extremely strong, who never cracked despite extremely difficult conditions," Francois said in comments carried on Europe-1's website.

In the 2011 appearance at Medill, Foley said he was in Libya to give voice to people who hadn't been able to speak out against their government. But the Internet-fueled, Arab Spring uprising posed challenges that he said made front-line reporting essential. □

## Obama: US won't stop confronting Islamic State

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And at the State Department, spokeswoman Marie Harf did not rule out military operations in Syria to bring those responsible to justice, saying the U.S. "reserves the right to hold people accountable when they harm Americans. What that looks like going forward, those conversations will be happening."

Since the video was released Tuesday, the U.S. military has conducted 14 airstrikes on Islamic State targets. And on Wednesday, U.S. officials said military planners were considering the possibility of sending a small number of additional troops to Iraq, mainly to provide additional security around Baghdad.

The president said he'd told Foley's family in a phone call Wednesday that the United States joins them in honoring all that Foley did, praising the journalist for his work telling the story of the crisis in Syria, where Foley was captured in 2012.

"Jim Foley's life stands in stark contrast to his killers," Obama said. He spoke from Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts, where the

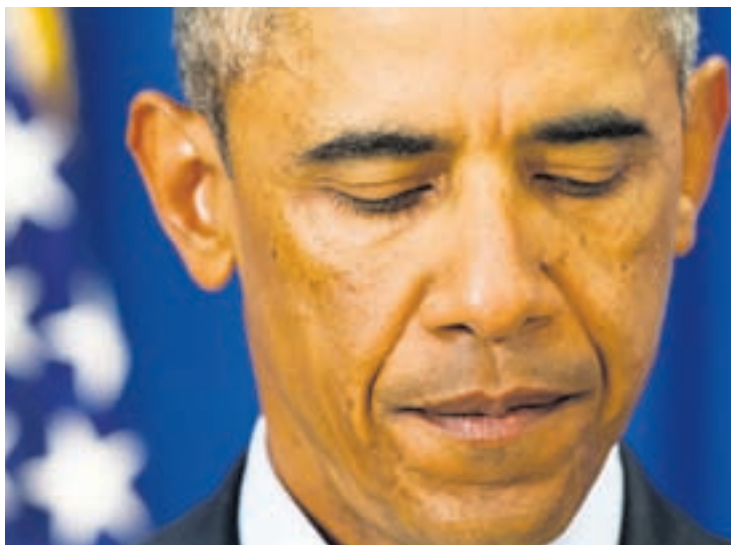
stopped by four militants in a contested battle zone that both Sunni rebel fighters and government forces were trying to control. He

increasingly chaotic and multilayered war. The killing is likely to complicate U.S. involvement in Iraq and the Obama administration's efforts to contain the group as it expands in both Iraq and Syria.

The group is the heir apparent of the militancy known as al-Qaida in Iraq, which beheaded many of its victims, including American businessman Nicholas Berg in 2004.

The video released on websites Tuesday appears to show the increasing sophistication of the Islamic State group's media unit and begins with scenes of Obama explaining his decision to order airstrikes.

It then cuts to Foley, kneeling in the desert, next to a black-clad militant with a knife to his throat. After the captive speaks, the militant is shown apparently beginning to cut at his neck; the video fades to black before the beheading is completed. The next shot shows the captive lying dead. □



President Barack Obama pauses as he speak in Edgartown, Mass., Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014, about the killing of American journalist James Foley by militants with the Islamic State extremist group.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

president is on vacation. Foley, 40, went missing in northern Syria in November 2012 while freelancing for Agence France-Presse and the Boston-based media company GlobalPost. The car he was riding in was

had not been heard from since.

The beheading marks the first time the Islamic State has killed an American citizen since the Syrian conflict broke out in March 2011, upping the stakes in an



# US high court blocks same-sex unions in Virginia

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**RICHMOND, Virginia (AP)**

— Same-sex couples will have to wait longer to begin marrying in Virginia after the U.S. Supreme Court agreed Wednesday to delay an appeals court ruling striking down the state's gay marriage ban.

The nation's highest court granted a request from a county clerk in Virginia to delay a decision by the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of

Appeals that would have allowed for same-sex couples to marry beginning Thursday morning. The state would have also had to start recognizing gay marriages from out of state. The Supreme Court provided no explanation for its order.

The federal appeals court last week refused to delay its decision striking down the ban, issued in late July, while it is appealed to the high court. The appeals

court's order did not explain why it denied that request. The Supreme Court's decision was not unexpected, as it previously issued an order in January putting same-sex unions on hold in Utah while the federal appeals court for that region was hearing the case. That court upheld the decision striking down Utah's gay marriage ban, but delayed its decision from taking effect pending appeal to the Supreme Court. Most

other federal court decisions in favor of same-sex marriage also have been put on hold. Virginia voters approved a constitutional amendment in 2006 that banned gay marriage and prohibited the recognition of such marriages performed in other states.

By granting the delay, the Supreme Court is making clear that it "believes a dignified process is better than disorder," said Byron Babi-one, senior counsel for Alli-

ance Defending Freedom, a conservative legal group. Supporters of same-sex marriage were disappointed, saying gay and lesbian couples have waited long enough to marry.

"Loving couples — and families — should not have to endure yet another standstill before their commitment to one another is recognized here in Virginia," James Parrish, executive director of Equality Virginia, said in a statement. □

# Holder pledges top investigators for Ferguson

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**CLAYTON, Missouri (AP)**

— U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder arrived on Wednesday to meet with federal investigators and reassure residents of the suburban St. Louis community torn by several nights of racial unrest since the fatal shooting of a black 18-year-old by a white police officer.

While in Ferguson, Missouri, the country's top attorney told residents concerned about the sometimes violent street clashes, "We can make it better."

He also met briefly with Missouri State Highway Patrol Capt. Ron Johnson, who was put in charge of security days after the Aug. 9 shooting of Michael Brown. The National Guard has been called in to help keep the peace.

"We're rallying against the



**Attorney General Eric Holder talks with Capt. Ron Johnson of the Missouri State Highway Patrol at Drake's Place Restaurant, Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014, in Florissant, Mo. Holder arrived in Missouri on Wednesday, as a small group of protesters gathered outside the building where a grand jury could begin hearing evidence to determine whether a Ferguson police officer who shot 18-year-old Michael Brown should be charged in his death.**

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

criminals," Johnson said. Asked whether he had confidence in the local investigation of the police officer, Johnson said: "General Holder, by being here, is a guarantee on that."

Holder also was meeting with Brown's parents Wednesday evening.

The visit came the same day a grand jury was expected to begin hearing evidence to determine whether the officer should be charged in Brown's death.

Outside the St. Louis County Justice Center, where the grand jury was expected to convene, two dozen protesters gathered in a circle for a prayer, chanted, and held signs urging prosecutor Bob McCulloch to step aside.

Nearly two dozen officers guarded the building's main entrance. □

# Guilty plea expected by friend of marathon suspect

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**BOSTON (AP)** — A college friend of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev plans to plead guilty to impeding the investigation into the deadly attack, his lawyer said Wednesday.

Dias Kadyrbayev, 20, is accused of removing a backpack containing emptied-out fireworks from Tsarnaev's dorm room after realizing he was suspected of carrying out the 2013

attack with his brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev.

Prosecutors said Kadyrbayev and another friend, Azamat Tazhayakov, decided to take the items from Tsarnaev's room at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth several days after two bombs exploded near the finish line of the marathon, killing three people and injuring more than 260. The items, along with Tsarnaev's laptop computer, were removed hours after the U.S.

Federal Bureau of Investigations publicly released photographs of Tsarnaev and his brother as suspects in the bombing.

Tazhayakov was convicted last month.

During his trial, witnesses said Kadyrbayev took the backpack and threw it in the trash, while Tazhayakov was convicted of agreeing with the plan to remove the items.

Kadyrbayev was scheduled to go on trial next month on obstruction of

justice and conspiracy charges.

An electronic notice filed Wednesday said Kadyrbayev is expected to be in court Thursday for a change-of-plea hearing. His lawyer, Robert Stahl, confirmed that he intends to plead guilty, but wouldn't say whether he would admit to one or both charges. Stahl also declined to say whether he and prosecutors have agreed on a joint sentencing recommendation.

The charges against both Kadyrbayev and Tazhayakov carry a maximum of 25 years in prison.

A spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

During Tazhayakov's trial, prosecutors said the items were removed from Tsarnaev's room hours after Kadyrbayev received a text message from Tsarnaev saying he could go to his dorm room and "take what's there." □



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# Texas Governor Perry formally enters not guilty plea

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**AUSTIN, Texas (AP)** — Republican Texas Gov. Rick Perry has formally pleaded not guilty to criminal charges of leveraging his power to try to oust a Democratic district attorney convicted of drunken driving, according to court documents obtained Wednesday. The potential 2016 presidential candidate entered his plea in a Travis County court filing. He also waived an arraignment that had been set for Friday. The waiver was no surprise given that Perry has signaled no intention of letting the felony charges interrupting a busy travel schedule to court Republican voters. The governor has dismissed the case as a political ploy, laughing off concerns that it could be potentially unflattering as he strongly considers a second presidential run in 2016. Many top national conservatives are lining up to support him, including some potential future White House rivals.

Perry's plea was filed with the court late Tuesday, shortly after the longest-serving governor in Texas history was fingerprinted and had his mug shot taken. He tweeted a picture of himself stopping for vanilla ice cream on the way back from his booking. Perry was indicted last week on charges of coercion and official oppression for vetoing \$7.5 million for the state public integrity unit, which investigates wrongdoing by elected officials and is run by the Travis County district attorney's office. Perry threatened the veto if the

county's Democratic district attorney, Rosemary Lehmberg, stayed in office after a drunken driving conviction. Lehmberg refused to resign and Perry carried out the veto, drawing an ethics

complaint from a left-leaning government watchdog group. Perry was indicted by a grand jury in Austin, a liberal bastion in otherwise mostly fiercely conservative Texas.

If convicted on both counts, Perry could face a maximum 109 years in prison — though legal experts across the political spectrum have said the case against him may be a tough sell to a jury. No one

disputes that Perry has the right to veto any measures passed by the state Legislature, including any parts of the state budget. But the complaint against Perry alleges that by publicly threatening a veto and trying to force Lehmberg to resign, he coerced her. The Republican judge assigned to the case has assigned a San Antonio-based special prosecutor who insists the case is stronger than it may outwardly appear. The governor has hired a team of high-powered attorneys, who are being paid with state funds to defend him. Perry is the first Texas governor to be indicted since 1917. Top Republicans have been especially quick to defend him, though, since a jail video following Lehmberg's April 2013 arrest showed the district attorney badly slurring her words, shouting at staffers to call the sheriff, kicking the door of her cell, and sticking her tongue out. Her blood alcohol level was also three times the legal limit for driving. □



Texas Gov. Rick Perry talks with media and supporters at the Blackwell Thurman Criminal Justice Center after he was booked in Austin, Texas. Perry has formally pleaded not guilty to criminal charges of leveraging his power to try to oust a Democratic district attorney convicted of drunken driving

(AP Photo/Eric Gay)

## In Alaska, tea party try for Senate seat falters

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**ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)** — A tea party attempt to overcome a mainstream Republican came up short in Alaska as a former state attorney general became his party's candidate to take on U.S. Sen. Mark Begich in the fall. Dan Sullivan entered the Republican primary the presumed front-runner, with the backing of national powerbrokers and a huge cash advantage. Sullivan on Tuesday night bested tea party favorite

Joe Miller, who made a late push reminiscent to his 2010 primary upset of U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski. Miller ultimately lost in the general election. Begich won his primary easily after facing no real threat. The Alaska GOP Senate race mirrored national trends, with tea party conservatives trying to knock out mainstream Republicans. Sullivan, who also had the support of Karl Rove and groups like Club for Growth, was considered the front-

runner early on in part due to his fundraising prowess, which has rivaled that of Begich. Roughly \$4 million in attacks have been run against Sullivan by a pro-Begich super PAC. At a Wasilla-area polling place, Bruce Geraghty, 60, voted for Sullivan. He said he admired Sullivan's military service — Sullivan is a Marine Corps reservist — and his efforts to push back against federal overreach while attorney general. Sullivan also has served as a state Natural Resources commissioner, "and he

understands the Alaska economy, that the Alaska economy is based on resources," Geraghty said. Former Gov. Sarah Palin, a paid contributor for Fox News who has little to do with state-level politics since appointing Sullivan attorney general and resigning in 2009, re-emerged to support an oil tax referendum that also was on the ballot — if successful, it would restore the tax system she championed as governor — and to endorse Miller. □



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**New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, with other mayors who are part of the Cities of Opportunity Task Force, head to news conference at Gracie Mansion in New York. De Blasio, who swept into office on the promise that New York could be governed from the left, has recently been defending hard-nosed policing and cutting deals with developers, angering an activist left that propelled his rise to the Democratic elite.** (Hiroko Masuike/The New York Times)

## Now that he's Mayor, De Blasio meets dismay on the left

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**NEW YORK** - In a jovial ceremony last week at Gracie Mansion, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that his vision for a muscular liberal government was going national: More than 30 mayors had pledged to adopt the signature de Blasio agenda of creating what he calls more affordable, inclusive and equitable cities.

Yet at home, de Blasio, who swept into office on the promise that New York City could be governed from the left, is discovering that liberalism has its limits. The mayor who shot to fame denouncing stop-and-frisk tactics and luxury condominiums is now defending hard-nosed policing and cutting deals with developers, bowing to the realities of leading an un-

ruly city but also angering an activist left that propelled his rise to the Democratic elite.

Impatience with the mayor is now spilling into outcry. On Wednesday, housing advocates marched in Harlem against what they say is a too-weak effort by City Hall to build affordable homes. And the Rev. Al Sharpton is planning a march on Saturday to call for an end to aggressive policing in the wake of a black Staten Island man's death after being placed in a chokehold during a routine arrest.

De Blasio, who advisers say is concerned about disappointing his supporters, has struggled to explain that the lofty liberal rhetoric of his mayoral campaign cannot be imported wholesale into City Hall - that there may be a limit

on how many affordable units can be extracted from developers, that the so-called broken-windows police strategy often credited with helping to lower crime cannot be abandoned overnight.

The friction between de Blasio and his political base - and the mayor's hesitant handling of a flash point over race and the police - reveal the growing pains of a mayor who must answer to a much larger public than the core of impassioned liberals behind his election. "The simple fact of executive leadership is you have to make the budget balance, you have to respond to a wide range of political constituencies," said David Birdsell, dean of Baruch College School of Public Affairs. "He's very much feeling his way through what's possible." □

## With a big gift, a meal service now feeding the South Bronx

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**NEW YORK** - Carlos Quijano stacked lunchboxes into the back of a red Ford truck and jumped in beside a driver to roll out to the South Bronx.

There were 67 hungry people waiting for him.

Quijano delivers meals to the doors of elderly, homebound residents in the South Bronx. He knocks on windows to be let in when door buzzers are broken, and climbs up stairs in buildings with no elevator. He makes more stops if new people are added to his route, and fewer if his regulars have to go to the hospital.

"Sometimes, they die," he added. "You go to their house with a meal and someone says they passed away last night."

Quijano is part of an expanding effort by Citymeals-on-Wheels, a nonprofit food provider, to feed a growing number of older New Yorkers who have difficulty feeding themselves, especially in poor areas like the South Bronx. Citymeals-on-Wheels serves more than 18,000 city residents on weekends, on holidays and in emergencies, up from 16,000 five years ago. The organization relies primarily on private donations to supplement a weekday meal service funded by the city's Department for the Aging.

Andrea Rivera, 85, and her husband, Pedro, started receiving the free meals in June after heart failure left her unable to walk. Rivera, a retired metal worker, estimated that the weekend meals save them about \$60 a month on takeout, which

can be used instead to pay their bills. "It helps because I don't know how to cook," Rivera, 82, said. "I only heat water, that's it."

To support the expanded effort, Citymeals-on-Wheels is now turning to wealthy donors to feed entire neighborhoods, or even boroughs. It started an unusual program this spring, called the Guardians, in which individual donors can opt to sponsor meal service in a specific area instead of across the city.

The inaugural guardian was Leon G. Cooperman, the founder, chairman and chief executive officer of Omega Advisors Inc., who pledged \$183,000 to pay for a year's worth of meals for 850 people in the South Bronx. Cooperman, who grew up the younger of two sons of a plumber and housewife in Hunts Point, made the donation after receiving a letter from Citymeals-on-Wheels calling him "a son of the Bronx." Besides meal deliveries, Citymeals-on-Wheels also plans to expand a mobile food pantry that supplies a bag of groceries to 650 people a week, including 150 in the South Bronx, and a companionship program for home visits, according to Rachel Sherrow, the chief program officer.

In the South Bronx, Citymeals-on-Wheels provides meals through the Mid-Bronx Senior Citizens Council, which prepares and delivers city-funded meals during the week. Those who receive the free meals must be at least 60 years old and have difficulty cooking and shopping for food. □



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## US Financial Front:

# Yellen to give her outlook as Fed honeymoon fades

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AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Janet Yellen has won credit for guiding the Federal Reserve's first six months of transition from the Ben Bernanke era. Bernanke's Fed had steered the U.S. economy through a grave crisis by slashing interest rates and restoring confidence in banks. Yellen has so far carried on his approach with barely a hiccup. She may one day recall her first six months as a too-brief honeymoon.

The perilous question that now awaits Yellen's Fed has put investors on nervous alert: Can it manage to raise rates from record lows without weakening the U.S. economy or spooking markets?

Or, conversely, will it wait too long to raise rates, causing the economy to overheat and inflation to surge? No one knows. Which helps explain the anticipation surrounding Yellen's speech Friday at the economic conference sponsored every August in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Given that this year's topic is labor markets, Yellen is sure to lay out her assessment of the U.S. job market.

Whatever she says — or, perhaps, doesn't say — will shape perceptions of when and how aggressively the Fed will raise rates. Yellen has frequently characterized the job market as weaker than the unemployment rate suggests. She's noted, for example, that the jobless rate, now a nearly normal 6.2 percent, belies other unhealthy trends: Weak pay growth, a sizable number of part-timers who want full-time work and high proportions

of people who've been looking for a job for more than six months or have stopped looking.

Might Yellen describe those trends as chronic problems that still require the Fed's help? Or rather as temporary drags that

will fade as the economy improves? Investors will look for any signal of a coming rate hike because it would mean higher rates on business and consumer loans and could depress stock prices.

At Jackson Hole, Bernanke

would sometimes use his speeches to telegraph actions the Fed was considering. Yellen could take the same opportunity to shed light on the Fed's plans for withdrawing the extraordinary economic support it's provided since 2008.

"The road ahead will get much tougher for Yellen when she starts outlining the Fed's exit strategy," said David Jones, chief economist at DMJ Advisors and the author of a book on the Fed's first century. "Any change could be accompanied by significant market instability."

This year, the Fed has been paring its monthly bond purchases, which have been intended to keep long-term rates low. Yellen has stressed that even after the purchases end this fall, the Fed will keep rates low and maintain its vast investment portfolio to keep downward pressure on rates. The impending end of the bond purchases — a step investors once anticipated with dread — is being taken in stride. The market has remained calm, and stocks are up this year, suggesting that Yellen's reassurances have had an effect.

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Federal Reserve Board Chairwoman Janet Yellen is seen on a video monitor as she speaks at a news conference on the state of the economy, in Washington. The perilous question that awaits Yellen's Fed has put investors on alert: Can it manage to raise rates from record lows without weakening the U.S. economy or spooking markets? (Gabriella Demczuk/The New York Times)

## Bank of America reaches \$17B settlement with US

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Bank of America has reached a record \$17 billion settlement to resolve an investigation into its role in the sale of mortgage-backed securities before the 2008 financial crisis, officials directly familiar with the matter said Wednesday. One of the officials, who spoke with The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the announcement isn't scheduled until Thursday at the earliest, said the bank will pay \$10 billion in cash and provide consumer relief valued at \$7 billion.

The deal is the largest settlement arising from the economic meltdown in which millions of Americans lost their homes to foreclosure. It follows agreements in the last year with Citigroup for \$7 billion and with JPMorgan Chase & Co. for \$13 billion. Like the Bank of America deal, those settlements were a mixture of hard cash and "credits" for various forms of consumer aid that the banks promised to provide in coming years. The Bank of America settlement was negotiated through a joint federal and state working group established by President Barack Obama two years ago

with the Justice Department and other federal and state authorities. Individual states are expected to share in the settlement. Justice Department spokeswoman Ellen Canale declined to comment, as did New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, a co-chairman of the group. The bank also declined comment. The deal requires Bank of America to acknowledge making serious misrepresentations about the quality of its residential mortgage-backed securities issued by itself and by Countrywide Financial and Merrill Lynch. Those institutions were acquired by the

bank when they were on the brink of failure in 2008 and they were responsible for the bulk of the questionable loans.

The deals are intended to offer some financial relief to homeowners, whose mortgages were bundled into securities by the banks in question and then sold to investors.

The securities contained residential mortgages from borrowers who were unlikely to be able to repay their loans. Still, the securities were promoted as relatively safe investments until the housing market collapsed and investors suffered billions of dollars in losses. □



# Macy's to pay \$650K in shopper-profiling probe

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**Associated Press**

**ALBANY, New York (AP)**

— The retailer Macy's has agreed to pay \$650,000 to settle allegations of racial profiling at its flagship store in Manhattan's Herald Square.

Under the agreement signed Tuesday with New York's attorney general, the company will adopt new policies on police access to its security camera monitors and against profiling, further train employees, investigate customer complaints, keep better records of detentions and report for three years on its compliance.

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said the settlement should help ensure customers are treated equally regardless of race or ethnicity at the retail giant's 42 department stores statewide.

"It is absolutely unacceptable — and it's illegal — for anyone in New York to be treated like a criminal simply because of the color of their skin," Schneiderman said.

The attorney general's Civil Rights Bureau said it opened an investigation into Macy's in Febru-

ary 2013 when it received several complaints from minority customers. Since then, the office recorded complaints from 18 Afri-

by escalator with unconcealed merchandise. Other customers speaking limited English and suspected of shoplifting or

old Square store. Meanwhile, about 6,000 people were detained at stores statewide.

The agreement requires



**Shoppers enter and leave a Macy's department store in Braintree, Mass. Macy's has agreed to pay \$650,000 to settle allegations of racial profiling at its flagship store in Manhattan's Herald Square.**

**(AP Photo/Stephan Savoia)**

can-American, Latino and other ethnic minority customers who claimed they'd been apprehended and detained at Macy's stores between 2007 and 2013, despite not having stolen or attempted to steal any merchandise.

The complaints included customers detained after traveling between floors

credit card fraud were not permitted to make phone calls, denied access to an interpreter and required to sign trespass notices they couldn't understand.

The agreement cites Macy's data from October 2012 through October 2013 showing employees apprehended and detained 1,947 individuals at the Her-

publicly posting Macy's "customer's bill of rights" in English and Spanish in all its New York stores and on the Macy's Inc. website.

"To be clear, our company's policies strictly prohibit any form of discrimination or racial profiling and any occurrence of such behavior will not be tolerated in our organization.□

## Overstock to allow foreign customers to pay with Bitcoin

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One big retailer is about to conquer the next bitcoin frontier.

Since the beginning of the year, a number of well-known retailers, including Overstock, Expedia and Dell, have started accepting bitcoins for domestic sales through their websites. Now, Overstock is preparing to allow international customers to pay in bitcoin as well, becoming the biggest merchant to extend the payment option beyond the United States market.

On Sept. 1, Overstock plans to introduce a new payments system on its international website, O.co, that will allow customers to make purchases using the virtual currency, said Patrick Byrne, the company's chief executive.

The company started taking bitcoin payments in January from domestic customers.

"I know that's it's become part of the bitcoin lore in the United States to shop on Overstock," said Byrne, who has made no secret of his support for the virtual currency. "My hope is that would happen at a global level."

Many small, more obscure merchants already accept bitcoins for cross-border transactions.

But the move by popular retailers like Overstock into the international space could foretell a more widespread adoption of the virtual currency as a viable payment option.

Dell, for example, which began allowing U.S. customers and small business to pay with bitcoins in July, said it wanted to gauge the initial interest in the currency before planning its next steps,

which could include rolling out the payment option internationally. "We wanted to expose this to our customers and see what the uptake was," said Paul Walsh, the chief information officer of Dell Commerce Services.□

## German retailer opening US flagship in Cincinnati

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**Associated Press**

**CINCINNATI (AP)**

Picture this: A woman walking down the street wearing a dirndl skirt and bust-hugging bodice paired with ankle boots. Or a man sporting lederhosen — leather shorts, traditionally worn with suspenders — with a T-shirt and sneakers. Wiesnkoenig (pronounced VEE'-sehn-koh-neg), the official supplier of lederhosen for the Munich Oktoberfest, is hoping its fashion-forward take on traditional German clothing takes off in America with the opening of its flagship U.S. store inside a Cincinnati brewery.

Wiesnkoenig USA planned a launch party for the store Wednesday in Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine historic neighborhood, which was

founded by German immigrants in the 1800s and is now home to a fledgling brewery district.

"We're not selling costumes to make it look like Germans," said Oliver Pfund, a Wiesnkoenig consultant who lives in Munich and his helping his sister, a Munich-born Cincinnati resident, launch the store, which opens to the public Thursday. "We want to show people here in the U.S. you can wear the lederhosen with Chuck Taylors, you don't have to wear the suspenders," he said. "Or you can wear the dirndl with cowboy boots."

Think Bavarian countryside meets Abercrombie.

Founded in 2007, Wiesnkoenig has five stores throughout Germany and sells in department stores

there and in Switzerland and Austria.

The Cincinnati store will be its first presence in the U.S., and the company is eyeing other expansion opportunities in the states.

Cincinnati was a natural choice for Wiesnkoenig, Pfund said.

Not only is Cincinnati sister cities with Munich, it hosts the largest Oktoberfest in the U.S. and one of the largest in the world, drawing a record 600,000 visitors at last year's event.

Wiesnkoenig is opening inside one of the city's biggest success stories, the Christian Moerlein Brewing Company, once the fifth-largest brewery in the nation before Prohibition hit in 1920 and it closed.

In 2010, a longtime beer seller and executive decid-

ed to revive the old brand and opened the new Christian Moerlein in a long-shuttered brewery that had underground lagering cellars and a malt house from the 1860s. Its owners plan to turn the brewery into a multimillion-dollar tour facility that includes a rooftop beer garden overlooking the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood and the downtown Cincinnati skyline.

Pfund said the brewery was perfect for Wiesnkoenig's first foray into the U.S. market. "Obviously the advantage at the brewery are the tours in the building, the constant traffic in front of our store of people interested in the beer culture and the brewing culture," he said. "We hope they have an interest in the German culture, as well."□



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## 2 Americans arrested in Bali under suicide watch

**BALI, Indonesia (AP)** — An American couple arrested in Indonesia on suspicion of murdering the woman's mother and stuffing her body into a suitcase at a resort hotel are being held under a suicide watch, their appointed lawyer said Wednesday.

Haposan Sihombing, an Indonesian lawyer assigned to the couple by Bali police, said Heather Mack and her boyfriend, Tommy Schaefer, are refusing to talk to investigators. Their American attorney said this week that Heather Mack is two months pregnant and complained about her treatment in custody, adding that she sounded dazed and incoherent at times.

Sihombing said Mack, 19, is being detained at the Denpasar police station while Schaefer, 21, is being held separately at the provincial police headquarters. Neither has been charged, but Indonesian police say they are investigating it as a possible case of premeditated murder, which carries a maximum sentence of death.

"All materials that can be used for suicide such as ropes, long trousers, and clothes with straps are being kept away from them," Sihombing said.

The body of Mack's 62-year-old mother, Sheila von Wiese-Mack, was found last week inside a suitcase in the trunk of a taxi in front of an upscale Bali hotel. The couple was arrested the next day at a hotel about 10 kilometers (six miles) away.

The couple told police that von Wiese-Mack was killed by robbers, while they managed to escape. Security camera video showed that the victim earlier had an argument with Schaefer in the first hotel's lobby.

Von Wiese-Mack's body was being flown back to the U.S. early Wednesday. An autopsy found she had died of asphyxiation after her nose was broken by a blunt blow.

Sihombing said the two are refusing to talk to investigators until the arrival of their American lawyer, Michael Elkin.

"I've told them that it's better to cooperate, because that could be a reason for a lighter punishment," Sihombing said.

On Tuesday, Elkin said that Mack told him by phone that she is pregnant and wasn't getting enough water. She also alleged that she was sexually assaulted at least three times in custody, a claim that both Indonesian authorities and Sihombing denied.

According to police records in the Chicago suburb of Oak Park, officers were called 86 times in 10 years to the house where von Wiese-Mack and her daughter once lived. The records, obtained by the Chicago Sun-Times, indicated that von Wiese-Mack was repeatedly and violently abused by the daughter.

Von Wiese-Mack was the widow of highly regarded jazz and classical composer James L. Mack, who died in 2006 at age 76. □

## Iraqis appeal to military for help

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**Associated Press**

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — Members of a minority Iraqi Shiite community whose town has been besieged by Sunni militants appealed to Iraq's military and the international community to intervene to end the siege, a lawmaker said Wednesday as the U.N. started a massive aid push to help Iraqis uprooted by the extremists. Also Wednesday, scattered attacks killed at least 11 people in and near Baghdad. The city has not been spared the almost daily violence even as the country grapples with the onslaught by the Islamic State group and their militant Sunni allies.

The siege of the northern town of Amrili, populated by Shiite Turkmen, is part of the Islamic State's offensive, which seized large swaths of western and northern Iraq this summer and also pushed further in neighboring Syria.

The militants' rampage, however, suffered a major setback this week when Iraqi and Kurdish troops backed by U.S. airstrikes dislodged the Islamic fighters from a strategic dam near Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city which militants overran in June.

Turkmen lawmaker Fawzi Akram said nearly 15,000 Turkmen in Amirli, about 170 kilometers (105 miles) north of Baghdad, have been besieged for the past two months by militants affiliated with the Islamic State. The siege has left the residents in a dire situation, despite of recent army air-drops of weapons, food and medical supplies. The town has no water or electricity, yet the residents are putting up a fierce resistance, al-Tarzi said.

"Amirli is besieged from all

sides and calls for help are falling on deaf ears," he said, urging the U.S. to consider airstrikes on militant targets around the town. Resident Jaafar Kadhim al-Bayati, a 41-year-old father of three, told The Associated Press over the phone that children in Amirli are getting sick and that the

one-day visit to Baghdad. Al-Abadi has until Sept. 11 to submit a list of Cabinet members to parliament for approval.

In Rome, Defense Minister Roberta Pinotti said that Italy intends to supply light, portable arms for the Iraqi Kurdish forces battling the Islamic State. She said there



**Kurdish forces, known as the Peshmerga, make their way to the front line to fight militants from the extremist Islamic State group outside Mosul, Iraq. Members of a minority Iraqi Shiite community whose town has been besieged by Sunni militants appealed to Iraq's military and the international community to intervene to end the siege.**

(AP Photo/Khalid Mohammed)

town needs more help.

"We are starving, we ran out of food and the only clinic is not functioning now due to lack of medicines," he said. Like other religious minorities in Iraq such as the Christians and the Yazidis, the Turkmen community has also been targeted by the Islamic State, which considers them to be apostates. Thousands of Turkmen have been uprooted from their homes since the Islamic State took Mosul, the northern city of Tikrit and a spate of towns and villages in the area.

Meanwhile, Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi held talks with outgoing Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and the premier-designate, Haider al-Abadi, during a

would be checks in place in Iraq "to control that the arms get where they are supposed to go."

In Baghdad, six civilians were killed and 12 were wounded when a parked car bomb ripped through Palestine Street, a police officer said. Mortar rounds in the northern Sabaa al-Bour neighborhood killed three and wounded nine, another police officer said. And in the town of Mahmoudiyah, 30 kilometers (20 miles) south of Baghdad, a bomb hidden in a garbage pile killed two people and wounded five, according to police officials there. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to media. □



# Ukrainian troops take over much of Luhansk

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**DONETSK, Ukraine (AP)** — After days of street battles and weeks of shelling, Ukrainian troops made a significant push Wednesday into rebel-held territory, claiming control over a large part of the separatist stronghold of Luhansk and nearly encircling Donetsk, the largest rebel-held city. The advance of the Ukrainian army against pro-Russian separatists comes as the civilian death toll is mounting from sustained artillery strikes and rebel cities are slipping into a humanitarian disaster. At least 52 deaths were reported Wednesday, along with 64 wounded — and due to the dangers of the war zone in eastern Ukraine, no deaths were reported from Luhansk, meaning the actual toll could be even higher.

Ukrainian troops have been trying for weeks to drive the rebels out of Luhansk and cut off Donetsk, a city of 1 million that has shrunk by a third as frightened residents fled. In the last few days, several neighborhoods in Donetsk have been hit with sustained artillery fire and fighting on the city's outskirts has become more intense.

The death toll mounted quickly on Wednesday. In the Donetsk region, 43 locals were killed and 42 wounded in less than two days, including in two deadly artillery attacks Wednesday afternoon in the capital of Donetsk, local authorities said. In addition, nine troops died and 22 were wounded in

fighting in a town outside Donetsk.

Luhansk city authorities reported running battles between the two sides. By early evening, government forces took control of "significant parts" of Luhansk, an eastern city just 20 kilometers (12 miles) from the Russian border, said Andriy Lysenko, a spokesman for Ukraine's National Security Council.

A Ukrainian SU-25 plane was also shot down near Luhansk, Lysenko told TV

a charge Russia denies. Ukraine and the West fear the massive aid convoy — over 200 trucks — will be used in some way to help the separatist militia.

Donetsk, meanwhile, has come under daily shelling attacks from all sides. On Wednesday morning, rockets slammed into residential areas, including the Donetsk suburb of Makiivka. More rockets hit in the afternoon.

"I was with my grandmother in the bathroom,

mander who identified himself only as "Chaika" — Russian for seagull — said he was at a loss to explain why army shells were hitting apartments.

"We purposely don't take up positions where people live," he said — a claim that Ukrainian officials have repeatedly dismissed.

An Associated Press reporter saw the aftermath of one artillery attack in central Donetsk on Wednesday evening. Windows were blown out in several



**Ukrainian soldiers muster at a point close to Luhansk, eastern Ukraine, Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014. Ukrainian troops make a significant push into rebel-held territory in eastern Ukraine, claiming control over a large part of Luhansk and encircling the largest rebel-held city, Donetsk, in fighting that has left at least 43 dead. (AP Photo/Petro Zadorozhnyy)**

station 112 late Wednesday. He said the location of the pilot was still unknown. Hard-hit Luhansk has been without electricity, running water or phone connections for 18 days due to the fighting. Russia has sent a massive aid convoy to help residents there but it is still stuck at the border, not yet approved by Kiev because its proposed route lies through rebel-held territory. Ukraine has accused Russia of arming and supporting the separatists,

because there is a bearing wall in there," said Anna Zyukova, 22. "And then all of sudden, bam-bam." Many Donetsk residents have been taking refuge in improvised bomb shelters in the basements of apartment building. Residents in Makiivka huddled in groups near one such shelter Wednesday, chatting and listening as rockets flew in and out several miles away.

At a rebel camp closer to the fighting, a rebel com-

partment blocks, and the shells left craters on the ground.

The Donetsk mayor's office reported that nine people died and 13 were wounded in artillery attacks in two neighborhoods earlier in the day. As the government sought to retake a major railroad and a highway that leads to Russia, nine troops were killed and 22 wounded overnight in Ilovaysk, a town east of Donetsk, said Lysenko, the government spokesman. □

## UAE approves strong counter-terrorism law

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Associated Press**

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)** — The ruler of the United Arab Emirates approved a new counter-terrorism law that strengthens existing laws against money laundering, while also expanding penalties to include the death penalty, life imprisonment and fines of up to \$27 million, state media reported Wednesday.

The law, according to the state-backed The National newspaper, calls for establishing Saudi-style counseling and rehabilitation centers for people found "to be terrorism prone." Impersonating a public figure could lead to life imprisonment, the paper said.

The official Emirates News Agency reported that Abu Dhabi ruler and UAE President Sheik Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan endorsed the law, but provided no further details. A draft of the law was approved in July by the country's Federal National Council, which acts largely as an advisory body. The draft law was not released to the wider public to discuss, though parts of the law have been publicized in local media. Dubai-based Gulf News also obtained a copy, which identified potential death-penalty cases as attempts to attack any royal family members or members of the Cabinet's Supreme Council, and acts that lead to the death of a person such as recruiting people to join or joining a terrorist organization and attacking security forces.

The newspaper said the law defines a terrorist offense as "any action or inaction made a crime by this law and every action or inaction made a crime by any other law if they are carried out for a terrorist cause."

The Emirates, a Western-allied federation of seven sheikdoms that includes Dubai, is concerned about the rise of extremist groups like the Islamic State group that's surging in Syria and Iraq, as well as al-Qaida. □

## Protesters plant Ukraine flag on Moscow skyscraper

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Protesters on Wednesday scaled one of Moscow's famed Stalin-era skyscrapers and painted the Soviet star on its spire in the national colors of Ukraine. The dangerous prank, which set Russian social networking sites abuzz, drew a harsh response from the police. The protesters also attached a yellow and blue Ukrainian flag to the top of

the 176-meter (580-foot) building east of the Kremlin along the Moscow River. Russian authorities were not amused by the expression of support for Ukraine, where government troops are battling pro-Russian separatists. Police said they detained four suspects and charged them with vandalism, a crime punishable by up to three years in prison. In Ukraine, President Petro

Poroshenko welcomed the raising of the flag on the Moscow skyscraper, calling it a "symbolic" gesture. In a video address, he urged Ukrainians all over the world to fly the flag at their homes and offices ahead of Independence Day on Sunday. The holiday celebrates Ukraine's 1991 independence from the Soviet Union.

The LifeNews media site

posted a video that it said shows one of the protesters parachuting off of the building shortly after dawn and landing in an inner courtyard. Russian news agencies, citing police, said the four suspects had climbing equipment with them when they were detained. By midday, the star with the Soviet hammer and sickle had been repainted gold. □



# Liberian slums barricaded as Ebola sets new record

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**MONROVIA, Liberia (AP)**

— Riot police and soldiers acting on their president's orders used scrap wood and barbed wire to seal off 50,000 people inside their Liberian slum Wednesday, trying to contain the Ebola outbreak that has killed 1,350 people and counting across West Africa. Hundreds of the slum's

residents clashed with the gunmen, furious at being blamed and isolated by a government that has failed to quickly collect dead bodies from the streets of Liberia's capital. One 15-year-old boy was injured trying to cross the barbed wire as security forces fired into the air to disperse the crowd.

The World Health Organization said the death toll is rising most quickly in Libe-

ria, which now accounts for at least 576 of the fatalities. At least 2,473 people have been sickened across West Africa, which is now more than in all the previous two-dozen Ebola outbreaks combined. The U.N. health agency also warned of shortages of food, water and other essential supplies in West Africa's population centers. And if it's bad in these capitals, it's much worse

inside West Point, a densely populated slum surrounded by floating sewage that occupies a half-mile (kilometer) long peninsula in Liberia's seaside capital. West Point suffers from government neglect even in the best of times, and mistrust of authorities is rampant. Open defecation is a major problem. Drinking water is carted in on wheelbarrows, and people depend on a lo-

cal market for their food. Now many of the market's traders are stuck inside, prices have doubled and "the community is in disarray," slum resident Richard Kieh said.

"Why are you ill-treating people like this? How can we take this kind of government to be peaceful? It is not fair — We are human," complained another resident, Mohamed Fahnbulleh. □

# Mexico: 14 police on trial for US SUV shooting

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**Associated Press**

**MEXICO CITY (AP)**

— Fourteen former federal police officers have gone on trial on charges of using excessive force in a 2012 shooting attack that wounded two CIA agents, Mexico's national security commissioner said Wednesday. Monte Alejandro Rubido said there was no evidence the police officers had acted on orders from an organized crime gang, saying the attack on the diplomatic vehicle was a case of mistaken identity. "We identified the motive in the attack and it was a regrettable error on the part of the people there," Rubido told reporters. "The only legal evidence the investigation found was the use of excessive force on the part of the colleagues in the federal police."

He did not say when the trial process began for the defendants, who he said

were being held in jail. Trials in Mexico are not public and can last for years. Mexican officials have long said the federal police group was investigating a kidnapping when it encountered the U.S. agents and a Mexican marine captain and opened fire on their U.S. Embassy armored SUV. Officials say the plainclothes officers reported they thought they were pursuing kidnappers on a rural road.

The officers were dismissed because of the shooting, which occurred in an area just outside Mexico City where a drug gang was active.

"The day before they had detained a gang of kidnappers in the region and suddenly they saw a vehicle with unusual characteristics for the area ... in a crass error, they opened fire on the vehicle, assuming it was (driven by) criminals," Rubido said.



**In this Aug. 24, 2012, file photo, an armored U.S. Embassy vehicle is checked by military personnel after it was attacked by unknown assailants on the highway leading to the city of Cuernavaca, near Tres Marias, Mexico. Mexico's National Security Commissioner said Wednesday Aug. 20, 2014, that 14 federal police are being tried on charges of use of excessive force in the 2012 shooting attack that wounded two U.S. CIA officers. (AP Photo/Alexandre Meneghini)**

He did not say what possible sentences the ex-officers faced if convicted. Mexico's criminal code allows prison sentences of one to eight years for a similar offense, "abuse

of authority," in cases when a public servant "in the course of carrying out their duties commits violence against a person without legitimate cause." "There are 14 for-

mer policemen in jail, so you can see there is no tolerance for breaking the law," Rubido said.

The U.S. Embassy had no immediate comment on the announcement. □

# Argentina defends plan to pay creditors outside US

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**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)**

— Argentina will make its next round of scheduled debt payments, the economy minister said Wednesday as he defended a new plan to pay creditors locally and avoid the jurisdiction of a U.S. court that forced the country into default last month.

Under legislation that still must be submitted to

Congress, Argentina will no longer use the Bank of New York as a trustee for about \$30 billion in bonds and will service debt through its own central bank, Economy Minister Axel Kicillof said.

The change will allow the country to make \$200 million in interest payments scheduled for Sept. 30 to bondholders who voluntarily accept the change, Kicillof said a day after President Cristina Fernan-

dez announced the new plan.

"It's a way for us to continue meeting our commitments," he said.

The economy minister sought to minimize the scope of the plan, saying it amounted to "a change of venue, not jurisdiction," but it could allow the country to emerge from default while complicating a bitter legal dispute with U.S. investors.

The proposal is intended as a way around a U.S. court order that blocked Argentina from making \$539 million in interest payments on July 30, triggering the country's second default in 13 years.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Griesa, whose order prevented Bank of New York from distributing Argentina's interest payments until the country settles a decade-long battle with other creditors, has

warned that changing the jurisdiction of payments would have "serious legal consequences." Government officials, who have bristled at what they see as an attack on its sovereignty by the U.S. courts, say Argentina isn't really in default since it has attempted to make the interest payments but was barred from doing so. Kicillof noted the country has reserves of \$29 billion on hand. □



# Global cruise lines setting sail for China's ports

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**AP Business Writer**

**HONG KONG (AP)** — Royal Caribbean's newest ship has attractions not usually seen on cruise liners, including bumper cars, a skydiving simulator and a glass observation capsule on a mechanical arm that lifts its passengers high into the air.

What's also a surprise is the vessel's intended home port: Shanghai.

After floating out of a German shipyard last week, the \$935 million Quantum of the Seas will spend the winter running between New York and the Caribbean before moving to its new base next summer in mainland China's financial center.

It's a gutsy move for the world's second biggest cruise company. Cruise operators have traditionally sent older vessels to developing countries while saving their most advanced ships for U.S. and European customers. But surging growth in China means it's a market operators can no longer ignore.

Carnival Corp., the No. 1 cruise company, will become the first global cruise operator to have four ships based in China when it deploys its Costa Serena to Shanghai in April.

The race for China underscores the growing strength of the leisure and travel in-

dustries in the world's No. 2 economy as authorities try to spur domestic spending rather than trade and investment as an engine of growth.

Executives are confident about China's prospects even as its economy struggles with a prolonged slow-

year.

"We know that's just a drop in the bucket to what lies ahead in terms of the market in China, which we believe is going to someday represent more than half of all the cruise guests," Carnival CEO Arnold Donald said in a phone interview.

mistic, predicting the number will grow to 7 million by 2020 or about a fifth of the global market.

"For the next five to 10 years, greater China including Hong Kong will play a critical role to the global cruise industry's development," said Zinan Liu, Royal

expects to carry 400,000 Chinese cruise passengers in 2015, double the number from last year, from four main ports — Shanghai, Hong Kong, Xiamen and Tianjin.

The company's 18-deck Quantum of the Seas, which carries 4,180-passengers, arrives in Shanghai in May next year, joining two other Royal Caribbean ships based in China. It's also expanding operations in Hong Kong to better market to customers in neighboring Guangdong, the richest province in mainland China, Liu said.

For Carnival, the addition of the Costa Serena will raise its China capacity by 3,780 passengers. The company has two other Costa brand vessels stationed in Shanghai as well as one with its Princess brand.

While companies are salivating over the growth potential of China's newly wealthy middle class, hurdles remain.

Unlike American or European cruise passengers, who tend to be older and have the time to take two week journeys, Chinese cruise travelers are younger and have less vacation time. That limits the possible itineraries and presents a challenge in cultivating repeat travelers.

Shanghai software engineer Cao Ying took a five-day cruise to Japan and South Korea with her husband on Carnival's Sapphire Princess, operated by its Princess Cruises brand, after he took one with other staff at his Internet company to entertain clients. The 30-year-old loved the dining, the shows, the spa and the helpful staff. But she complained that there wasn't enough time during port calls.

"I think traveling by cruise is a good experience, but the downside is that you couldn't really see a lot. I couldn't go to visit the places I would like to go in a foreign country," said Cao. "So unless it's a free trip, I wouldn't take a second cruise, even to go to another country." □



**Chinese tourists on board the Princess Cruises ship Diamond Princess off the coast of Fukuoka, Japan. Cruise operators have traditionally sent older vessels to developing countries while saving their most advanced ships for U.S. and European customers. But surging growth in China means it's a market operators can no longer ignore.**

(AP Photo)

down from double digit rates of expansion, saying that growth is still strong when compared with developed markets.

Miami-based Carnival expects to carry 500,000 Chinese cruise passengers in 2015, up from 350,000 this

The Asian Cruise Association estimated last year that the overall Asian market, which totaled 1.3 million passengers in 2012, could nearly triple to 3.8 million in 2020, including 1.6 million from China.

Carnival is even more opti-

Caribbean Cruises Ltd.'s managing director for China.

While the U.S. and European are showing signs of revival, "there's no region like China and Asia that will grow as rapidly," he said.

Liu said Royal Caribbean

## Bank of England board members seek rate hike

**DANICA KIRKA**  
**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — The Bank of England's consensus on maintaining record-low interest rates has crumbled after more than three years, with two members of the central bank's monetary policy committee voting to increase borrowing costs this month.

While the nine-member committee kept its benchmark bank rate at 0.5 percent, Ian McCafferty and Martin Weale voted to increase the rate by 0.25 percentage points as economic growth has picked up in pace, according to minutes of the Aug. 6-7 meeting released Wednesday.

day.

Economists had been speculating in recent weeks that the unanimity on the committee had been eroding as the economy grew stronger and inflation remained tame. The push to raise rates in Europe's third largest economy comes even as other major central banks — such as the Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank — are still pursuing monetary stimulus.

News of the split caused the pound to jump almost half a cent against the dollar, to \$1.6645, as higher rates tend to boost a currency. British stocks fell, with the main FTSE 100 index

shedding 0.5 percent on the prospect that credit might tighten earlier than thought.

The minutes show Bank of England policymakers were divided about how much spare capacity remained in the British economy as unemployment has dropped quickly but wage growth remains weak.

McCafferty and Weale argued the Bank of England should act preventively by starting to raise rates before the rapid decrease in unemployment spurs demands for higher wages, the minutes show. Britain's unemployment rate dropped to 6.5 percent in May from 7.2 percent at

the end of 2013 as economic growth has accelerated to its fastest pace since 2007.

According to the minutes, the two dissenters argued that "even after a rise of 25 basis points in Bank Rate, monetary policy would remain extremely supportive." Acting early would allow the Bank of England to move gradually, they said. The other seven members of the committee said there wasn't enough evidence of rising inflation or wages to justify an immediate rate increase. In fact, inflation fell back to 1.6 percent in July after rising to 1.9 percent in June. □





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Serena Williams clenches her fist after breaking Ana Ivanovic, from Serbia, in the second set of a final match at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Aug. 17, 2014, in Mason, Ohio. Williams won 6-4, 6-1.

Associated Press

## Serena Williams seeded No. 1 at U.S Open

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Top-ranked Serena Williams is seeded No. 1 as she seeks her third straight U.S. Open title.

The U.S. Tennis Association followed this week's WTA rankings in announcing the seedings Wednesday.

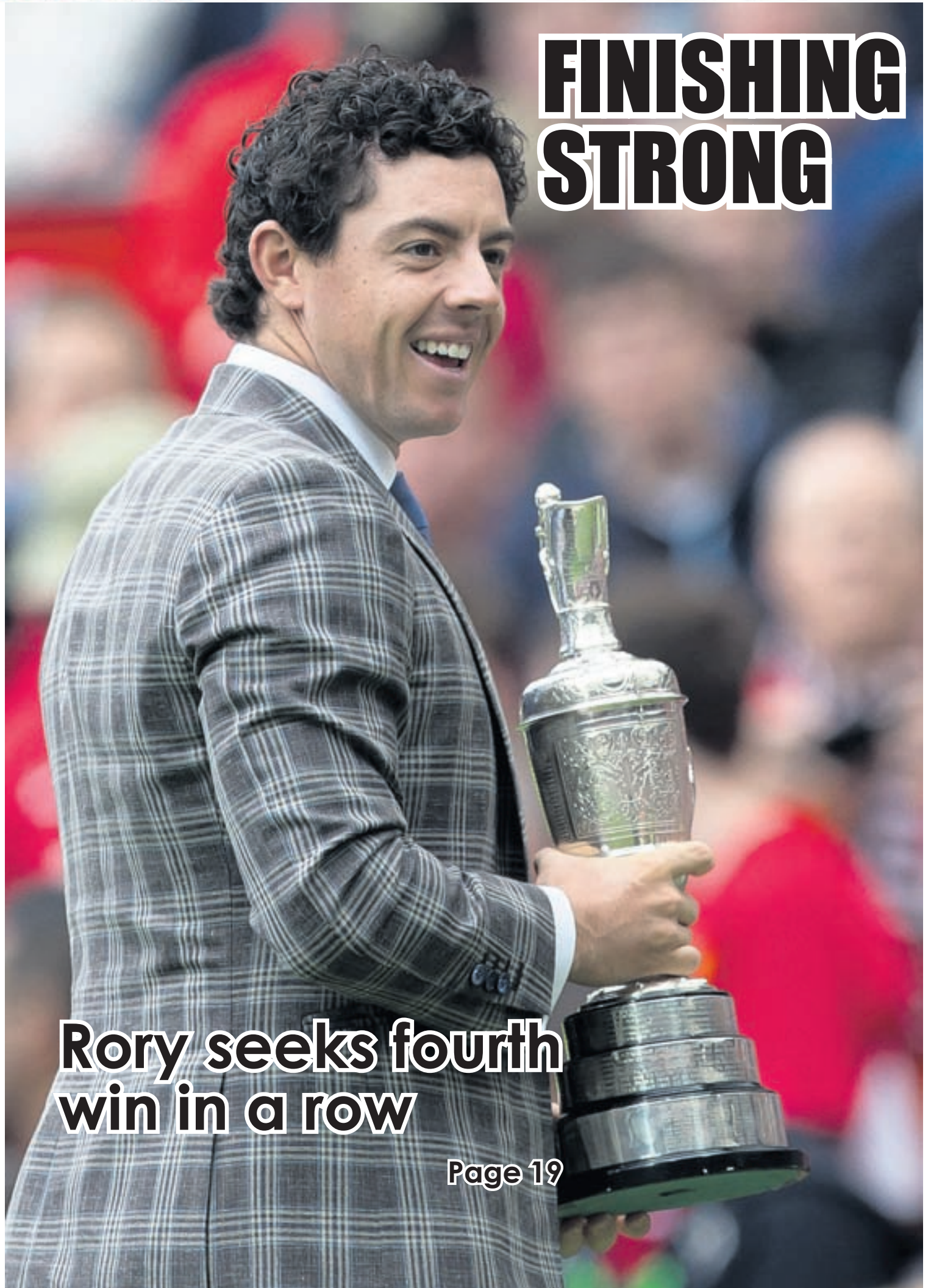
French Open runner-up Simona Halep is seeded second after reaching a career-best ranking this month. She has never advanced past the fourth round at the U.S. Open.

Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova is seeded No. 3 with third-ranked Li Na out because of a knee injury. Agnieszka Radwanska moves up to No. 4.

Five-time major champ Maria Sharapova is seeded fifth, meaning there's a chance she could face Williams in the quarterfinals. The runner-up the last two years, Victoria Azarenka, is seeded 16th after an injury-plagued season.

Venus Williams is seeded 19th.

The draw is Thursday, and the tournament starts Monday. □



## FINISHING STRONG

## Rory seeks fourth win in a row

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Open Golf champion Rory McIlroy smiles as he holds his Claret Jug trophy, as he is introduced to the crowd at half time during Manchester United's English Premier League soccer match against Swansea City at Old Trafford Stadium, Manchester, England, Saturday Aug. 16, 2014.

Associated Press



# Reality check for Phelps at Pan Pacific Champs

JOHN PYE

AP Sports Writer

**GOLD COAST, Australia**

(AP) — Michael Phelps got a reminder of just how challenging his return to international competition may be when he was asked whether he was good enough to even reach a final at the Pan Pacific Championships this week.

"Wow, you're really setting the bar high for me!" the most decorated swimmer of all time joked in reply.

Sitting beside him at a news conference Wednesday, Phelps' long-time coach Bob Bowman chipped in: "Reality check there."

The Pan Pacs start Thursday and run through the weekend. It's stage two of Phelps' comeback from retirement — the first was qualifying for the U.S. team. Now Bowman is predicting Phelps will lower his best times in his butterfly, medley and freestyle, saying the challenge of going faster was the only reason the 18-time Olympic champion came back to the sport.

Phelps qualified by finishing second in the 200-meter medley and the 100 butterfly at the U.S. nationals, and will be swimming in his first international meet since coming out of retirement four months ago with the aim of competing again at the world titles and Olympics. Only the top two swimmers from each country qualify for the finals, so Phelps is going to be under pressure from his American teammates in the morning preliminaries, and from the



U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps trains ahead of the Pan Pacific swimming championships in Gold Coast, Australia, Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014.

best swimmers from Australia, Japan, Canada, Brazil and other Pacific countries in the evening finals. He'll start with the 100 freestyle on Friday, which will feature seven Americans in the heats. He'll also contest the 100 butterfly, the 200 medley and potentially some relays.

Phelps didn't win any of his four events at the U.S. nationals, although his times in the 200 IM and the butterfly were both among the fastest three in the world this year. He was unhappy with his freestyle, where his finish let him down. He said it was the kind of mistake an 11-year-old would make.

Phelps, who won eight of his 18 Olympic gold medals

at the 2008 Beijing Games, said he was "kind of rusty on judging the speed going into my walls," and described his turns as "awful." "Those were the big things that I guess I forgot how to do," he said. "Not winning, it is what it is — I hate to lose — but I always do understand it's not going to come back instantly."

"I would rather have those instances now than farther down the road. World championships is next year ... Olympics the year after that. Hopefully I'll be able to fix the things now."

The U.S. team had a setback ahead of the competition, with Olympic and world champion Missy Franklin in doubt after hurt-

ing her back in training.

Team USA spokesman Scott Leightman said Franklin had back spasms during practice Tuesday. The 19-year-old Franklin was resting at the team hotel after medical staff controlled the spasms and issued a statement later Wednesday saying she was feeling better with every hour and still hopeful of competing. Leightman said Franklin, who won both the 100- and 200-meter backstroke at the 2012 Olympics and claimed six golds at the world championships last year, would be re-evaluated before the preliminaries of the 100 backstroke and 200 freestyle on Thursday. The Australian team is

primed for a big performance at home after a winning the swimming competition at the recent Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland.

The competition will be held outdoors at the Gold Coast Aquatic Center, site of the 2018 Commonwealth Games swimming, and rain forecast for later in the week is giving swimmers something extra to think about.

Phelps said it would be a novel experience for him. His friend and long-time rival, Ryan Lochte, said he grew up in Florida and was used to competing in rain.

"You have to prepare yourself for the worst-case scenario. The coaches told us about the weather conditions — we're all prepared for it," he said. Lochte and Phelps have long dominated the 200 IM, but aren't even seeded No. 1 at the Pan Pacs. Japan's Kosuke Hagino has the fastest time of the year and his teammate Diya Seto is also a contender.

"It's no longer just me and Michael. It's definitely become a bigger event, and bigger race," Lochte said. If Franklin is ruled out, more attention on the U.S. women's team will center on 17-year-old Katie Ledecky, who broke the 400 freestyle world record at the nationals and now holds world marks in the 400, 800 and 1,500.

"I can improve. I got some good work in after nationals. I'm really excited to see what I can do here," Ledecky said.



United States' Carli Lloyd (10) shoots against Switzerland during the first half of an international friendly soccer game Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014, in Cary, N.C.

Associated Press

## U.S. women score 3 in 2nd half, beat Switzerland 4-1

**CARY, N.C. (AP)** — Megan Rapinoe scored just three minutes into the game, and the United States got three goals in the second half to beat Switzerland 4-1 Wednesday night.

Carli Lloyd made a penalty kick early in the second

half, Christen Press scored in the 77th minute and Abby Wambach got her 168th career score in the 87th.

Ana-Maria Crnogorčević scored on a penalty kick in the 70th minute for Switzerland. It came on the Swiss'

only shot on goal and ended Hope Solo's bid to set a new shutout record for the U.S. women.

Solo remained tied with Briana Scurry for the team mark with 71 shutouts.

The U.S. had 15 shots in its first game since a 2-2 tie with France on June 19.



# McIlroy wants strong finish to great year

**DOUG FERGUSON**

**AP Golf Writer**

**PARAMUS, N.J. (AP)** — The last player to win back-to-back majors in the same season didn't even make it to the FedEx Cup finale at East Lake.

"That's not going to happen," said Rory McIlroy, with a smile.

He's correct, based on simple math.

Padraig Harrington won the British Open and PGA Championship in 2008, and just his bad luck, the FedEx Cup was restructured that year in an attempt to create more volatility in the playoff events. It rewarded mediocrity instead. Harrington began the playoffs by missing two straight cuts and soon was eliminated.

The system in place the last five years doesn't allow for that.

McIlroy is the No. 1 seed when the playoffs get started Thursday at The Barclays, and he is assured of reaching the Tour Championship. But his hopes of cashing in on the \$10 million prize are

based more on form than a calculator.

The 25-year-old from Northern Ireland is coming off three straight victories, and they were big ones — the British Open, a World Golf Championship and the PGA Championship. He is No. 1 in the world and starting to separate himself from the rest of golf.

And he's not interested in getting off this amazing run. "I could just say, 'Look, I've had a great year, it's been an awesome summer. I'm going to just see what happens for the next few weeks and not really work hard,'" McIlroy said Wednesday. "But I want to finish the season well. I want to be up there in contention week in and week out. I feel like the season I had deserves a finish like that. So I'm going to just grind it out every week that I can until I get a bit of a break after the Ryder Cup."

Now that the majors are done for the year, the FedEx Cup presents the best four-week stretch in golf — four tournaments with the best players from

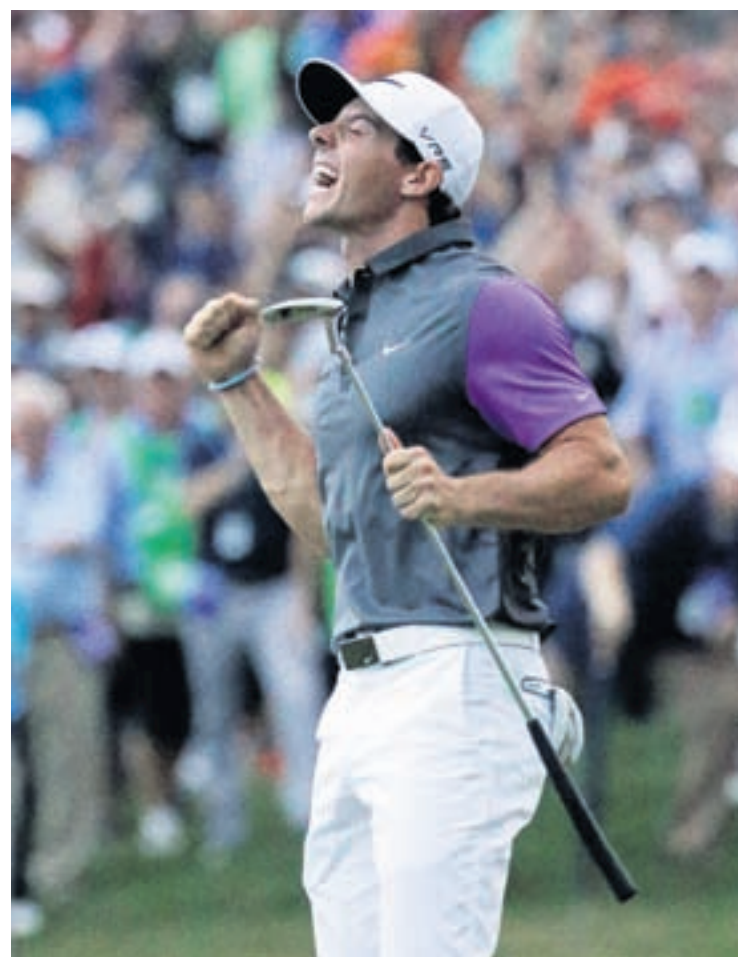
the world's strongest tour competing for a shot at the richest bonus in golf.

The Barclays has one of the strongest fields of the year, even though a few players are noticeable by their absence.

Tiger Woods was in town this week, but only for corporate work with McIlroy. Woods missed three months of the season recovering from back surgery and hurt his back again in only his third tournament back. He didn't come close to finishing among the top 125 who qualified for the playoffs.

Dustin Johnson is No. 6, though he is taking a "voluntary leave" to seek professional help for "personal challenges." Jason Dufner is No. 57, though he is out indefinitely with a neck injury. Steve Stricker is at No. 103 and withdrew because of a hip injury that will turn his part-time schedule into no schedule at all for the next few months.

Stricker was a long shot to make the Tour Championship, though this



**Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, celebrates after winning the PGA Championship golf tournament at Valhalla Golf Club on Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014, in Louisville, Ky.**

**Associated Press**

ends his streak of playing in every Tour Championship since the FedEx Cup began in 2007. Phil Mickelson (No. 45) and Hunter Mahan (No. 62) are the others who have made it to East Lake each of the last seven years.

As good as McIlroy has been, the playoffs offer no guarantees.

The \$10 million bonus is

based largely on who performs well in the Tour Championship, no matter what they've done all year or even in the three weeks leading up to it. McIlroy learned that the hard way in 2012, when he was coming off a PGA Championship victory and won back-to-back playoff events.

## New Mexico says no question about hazing

**ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP)** — University of New Mexico Athletic Director Paul Krebs said Wednesday that there's no question there was hazing by the women's football team and that alcohol played a role.

Two team members were sent to the hospital following the incident, which a police report said involved several players who were extremely intoxicated.

Krebs said no one was forced to drink, but because of peer pressure officials consider it hazing. Despite the efforts of the athletic department and the coaches to develop leadership among student-athletes and to build team chemistry, Krebs said not

enough was done to prevent the hazing.

"In this particular instance involving our women's football program, we failed," Krebs said during a news conference. "Whether it's coach (Kit) Vela, myself, as a department, we failed the young women in this program, that they didn't understand and they didn't know better that what they were doing was simply wrong and uncalled for and should have never happened."

As punishment, the team's season opener in Lubbock, Texas, was cancelled. The players also have to participate in a mandatory hazing-education class, and they will have to do community service.

The investigation is ongoing,

and officials said additional sanctions are possible.

On Tuesday, freshmen twins Danielle and Devin Scelsi quit the team and withdrew from the school.

University police were sent to a dormitory on campus Sunday night in reference to a student who was highly intoxicated. Danielle Scelsi, 18, told police her sister was having trouble breathing and appeared to be vomiting.

Two other 18-year-olds in the apartment also appeared to be intoxicated, according to the police report.

A rescue unit with the Albuquerque Fire Department responded. Devin Scelsi and one of the other teens were taken to the hospital.

The police report states Danielle Scelsi told officers they were all members of the football team and "had participated in some kind of initiation event."

University officials revealed the team made stops at several houses that night, alcohol was consumed and at some point, liquid soap or window cleaner was sprayed on the freshmen players.

Krebs and Vela said they were frustrated and disappointed that the older players did not step up to put a stop to what was happening. They said the players are only now starting to realize the gravity of the situation.

"They've made a big mistake," Krebs said. They've damaged the reputation

of the university. They've damaged the reputation of the football program. They've damaged the reputation of the athletic department. They've damaged their own reputations."

"They're devastated, and I don't think that's too strong of a word," he said. "But they were wrong, and they're going to be held accountable for what they've done."

Krebs sent a note to all student-athletes as a reminder of how the university addresses hazing. All athletes are required to sign a form on which they acknowledge what hazing is and say they won't participate in hazing. They are also required to bring hazing to the school's attention.



# Yankees RHP Tanaka throws 35-pitch bullpen session

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Masahiro Tanaka threw 35 pitches Wednesday in his second bullpen session as he tries to return to the New York Yankees this season. The injured rookie from Japan threw fastballs, breaking balls and five splitters at Yankee Stadium. He said he felt a little rusty, but his elbow is healthy and now it's just a matter of rebuilding arm strength and getting sharp. "It was a good day," Tanaka said through a translator. "The elbow is fine now. I'm more looking towards playing in a game now. But that said, even that said, I think I do have to be cau-

tious about the elbow." Tanaka went on the disabled list July 9 with a partial ligament tear in his right elbow and had a platelet-rich plasma injection. New York hopes he can avoid Tommy John surgery and return to the rotation next month. The right-hander threw 25 pitches in his first bullpen session last Saturday and might have another one before moving on to batting practice. After that, it would be a simulated game and then a rehab game. No more MRIs are planned. "So far, so good. I mean, every step has been posi-



New York Yankees pitcher Masahiro Tanaka loosens up before throwing in the bullpen before a baseball game between the Yankees and the Tampa Bay Rays Saturday, Aug. 16, 2014, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Associated Press

tive for him and that's obviously the way we hope it continues to go. But each step, he increases intensity, and I'm sure BPs will be a little bit more intense than bullpens," manager Joe Girardi said. "The fact that he felt good today was encouraging. See how he feels tomorrow, obviously, is really important, but he was able to throw his curveball, his slider and his split, and I watched it and it looked pretty good." Tanaka is 12-4 with a 2.51 ERA in 18 starts. New York began the day four games out of a playoff spot with 39 to play. □

# Schilling blames chewing tobacco for mouth cancer



This is a Feb. 24, 2008 file photo showing Boston Red Sox baseball player Curt Schilling.

Associated Press

**BOSTON (AP)** — Former major league pitcher Curt Schilling says he's battling mouth cancer and blames 30 years of chewing tobacco use. Schilling discussed details of his cancer on WEEI-FM in Boston on Wednesday. He announced he had cancer in February, but had not disclosed what kind. He says it's due to chewing tobacco. Schilling is being treated at Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Dana-

Farber Cancer Institute. He received seven weeks of chemotherapy and radiation treatments and is in remission. He says he's lost 75 pounds. Schilling is a three-time World Series champion with the Arizona Diamondbacks and Boston Red Sox. He's being sued by Rhode Island's economic development agency after his video game company received a \$75 million state loan guarantee and then collapsed. □

# Iwakuma fans season-high 11, Mariners top Phillies



Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Hisashi Iwakuma throws a pitch in the first inning of an interleague baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2014, in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

**AARON BRACY**  
Associated Press  
**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Seattle's Hisashi Iwakuma struck out a season-high 11 batters in eight scoreless in-

nings to lead the Mariners to a 5-2 victory over Philadelphia on Tuesday. The Mariners, who scored two runs in the first, have won 11 of their past 14.

"We had the lead early, which is big for me, for my pitching, because I'm all about pitching to contact," Iwakuma said through an interpreter. Iwakuma (12-6) was masterful while allowing four hits and no walks. Since July 1, he is 7-2 with a 1.63 ERA, 65 strikeouts and four walks in 72 innings over 10 starts. "He was outstanding," Mariners manager Lloyd McClendon said. "He commanded all of his pitches. He was in and out, up and down. Did a tremendous job for us." The Phillies, who have scored three runs or less 65 times this season, got just one batter to second base against Iwakuma. The Mariners needed three pitchers in the ninth to preserve the victory. The last of the trio, Fernando Rodney, came on with two outs and the tying run at the plate and struck out Cody Asche to record his 36th save in 39 opportunities. "We have a strong belief in our bullpen, so I was able to watch the TV very calmly," Iwakuma said. Asked if he was tempted to let Iwakuma pitch the ninth, McClendon said, "No, no." □



# Gibbs Racing hires Carl Edwards and Daniel Suarez

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

HUNTERSVILLE, N.C. (AP)

— Carl Edwards scrolled across a stage at Joe Gibbs Racing and jokingly yelled, 'Surprise!'

There was no surprise whatsoever about his formal introduction Tuesday as a fourth driver in the JGR Sprint Cup lineup. The move had been expected since at least May and intensified last month when Roush Fenway Racing said Edwards was not returning in 2015.

Edwards, who has driven for Roush for 12 years, will join a new fourth Toyota team for Gibbs next season. The No. 19 will be sponsored by Arris, a telecommunications company, in 17 of the races.

JGR has been at three cars since 2005 and has held off expanding to the NASCAR-maximum of four full-time entries.

"We felt like if we could get Carl, and we could get another sponsor, that this was the right time," Gibbs said. Edwards had been through a high-profile free agency once before, in 2011 when he was in the thick of the



Drivers, from left, Denny Hamlin, Matt Kenseth, Carl Edwards, Daniel Suarez, and Kyle Busch, pose for a photo during a news conference at Joe Gibbs Racing's headquarters in Huntersville, N.C., Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2014.

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championship hunt. He ultimately spurned JGR in that bidding process to sign an extension with Roush, and although the negotiations were never a distraction, Edwards lost the title that year to Tony Stewart on a

tie-breaker.

Edwards hasn't been a title threat since. He went winless in 2012 and missed the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, and although he made two trips to Victory Lane last sea-

son, he finished last in the 13-driver Chase field.

Edwards is currently ninth in the Cup standings with two wins. The Chase begins next month, and he said he's determined to close out his Roush tenure with a championship for the No. 99 team. But when the season is over, his focus will quickly turn to JGR, where he saw an opportunity for stability and consistency as a teammate to Kyle Busch, Denny Hamlin and Matt Kenseth.

"Sometimes you've just got to shake things up, you've got to do things differently," Edwards said. "When an opportunity like this comes up and the all the pieces come together this perfectly, for me, I didn't want to look back and wonder what that would have been like. I wanted to take the opportunity and go see what I could make of it."

Edwards will be reunited with Kenseth, who was his teammate at Roush for nine seasons and had a frosty relationship that went public in 2007 when Edwards confronted Kenseth after a race at Martinsville.

Kenseth moved to JGR last

season, won a series-high seven races and finished second in the championship race. Gibbs said Kenseth is the first person the organization consulted when it entered the bidding for Edwards.

"Matt was awesome, he said, 'this guy, you get him over here, he's going to win races. He'll be a good teammate and he's really, really good with sponsors,'" Gibbs said. "So Matt was the first person we talked to, and then we went to Denny and we went to Kyle. Because it is teamwork. This sport is unusual because you have to work together to get better, to get more information, to have more input on the weekend. We think this is the right combination for us."

Kenseth said the history between he and Edwards is overblown, and much has changed since 2007. Edwards has gotten married and the two drivers have had five children between them.

"Carl and I get along fine," he said. "That relationship has changed a lot through the years. Him having kids the same age as my kids, and playing together, has probably made us more friends and made us do things together. I think it will be a good mix, I really do." Edwards said he's changed as a person since he first entered NASCAR and is focused on being an asset at JGR.

"I have learned a lot about how to be a good teammate. Admittedly, I was not the best teammate at the beginning of my career," he said. "I felt I had a lot of the 'every man for himself' attitude, and wanting to prove myself regardless of any damage to the relationships."

"I really value my teammates now. I'm going to do everything I can to be the best teammate I can be, to contribute to the group so that overall we can be better. When I look around at who does well in the sport, it seems the people who do that well succeed." □

## Cowboys worth more than \$3 billion, tops in NFL

NEW YORK (AP) — Forbes says the Dallas Cowboys are the first U.S. sports franchise to top \$3 billion in value.

For the eighth straight year, the Cowboys are worth the most of all 32 NFL franchises, valued at \$3.2 billion. Only Real Madrid at \$3.4 billion is worth more among global franchises.

The average NFL franchise value for 2014 is \$1.43 billion, the highest in the 17 years the business magazine has tracked professional football. That shows a 23 percent increase, the largest in one year since 1999.

New England is second in value at \$2.6 billion, followed by Washington (\$2.4 billion) and the New York



In this Nov. 3, 2013, file photo, the roof is open on the stadium before an NFL football game between the Dallas Cowboys and the Minnesota Vikings in Arlington, Texas.

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Giants (\$2.1 billion).

At the bottom are Buffalo,

worth \$935 million, and St.

Louis at \$930 million. □



# U.S. routs Dominicans in exhibition as Rose rests

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Kyrie Irving made all five shots and scored 12 points starting in place of Derrick Rose, and the U.S. national basketball team beat the Dominican Republic 105-62 on Wednesday night in an exhibition game.

James Harden also scored 12 in limited playing time for the Americans, who used their subs for most of the second half. Rudy Gay and DeMar DeRozan each scored 13 points.

Rose sat out, with team officials saying coach Mike Krzyzewski wanted to be able to look longer at other players with cuts coming soon. The Americans have 16 players on the roster and have to get down to 12 before the upcoming Basketball World Cup.

Fans chanted for Rose during the game, but Krzyzewski decided shortly before

tip the Chicago Bulls star wouldn't play.

Rose had sat out practices the past two days after starting in Saturday's exhibition victory over Brazil on his home floor, saying Tuesday he just wanted extra rest as he tries to play his way back into shape after missing most of the past two seasons because of knee surgeries.

There has been no indication from Rose or the U.S. staff that he is hurting.

Houston Rockets forward Francisco Garcia scored 14 points for the Dominican Republic, coached by South Florida's Orlando Antigua. The Dominicans are without their best player, the Atlanta Hawks' Al Horford, who is recovering from a torn right pectoral muscle.

The teams will meet again in Bilbao, Spain, where they are both in Group C.

The Americans play here



**Dominican Republic center Jack Michael Martinez (15) and forward Edward Santana (8) defend U.S. guard Damian Lillard during the first half of an exhibition basketball game at Madison Square Garden in New York, Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014.**

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again Friday against Puerto Rico before leaving for Spain, where they will finish their preparations with a final exhibition against Slovenia. The World Cup opens on Aug. 30.

The Dominicans took a 6-4 lead, the Americans answered with 14 straight points to make it 18-6, and that was about it. The Americans expanded a 28-17 lead after one quarter to 53-31 at the half, as Harden and Klay Thompson each scored 10 points by the break.

The U.S. pushed it to 69-34 with a little more than 4 minutes left in the third after a flurry by Irving, allowing for extra playing time for players at the back end of the roster such as Andre Drummond and Gordon Hayward.

Chandler Parsons, Kyle Korver and Mason Plumlee were the only Americans who didn't play. □

## Garcia-Lopez outlasts Donald Young in 3 sets

**BILL KISER**  
**Associated Press**

**WINSTON-SALEM, North Carolina (AP)** — Spain's

Guillermo Garcia-Lopez battled through a third-set tiebreaker before beating 11th-seeded Donald Young of the 6-7 (4-7), 6-3, 7-6 (8-6) on Wednesday in the third round of the Winston-Salem Open.

Fifth-seeded Garcia-Lopez overcame a 6-4 deficit in the third tiebreaker by winning four consecutive points in the final warmup before next week's U.S. Open. "The last month in Europe on the clay courts, I was losing a lot of tiebreakers," said Garcia-Lopez, who won his third career ATP Tour title last April in Morocco.

"But at the end today, I got lucky. Sometimes the tiebreaker is a lottery, and I got the number. That's why I won."

Garcia-Lopez will next face American Sam Querrey, a 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 winner over second-seeded Kevin Anderson of South Africa, in

Thursday's quarterfinals at the Wake Forest Tennis Center.

After Young took the first-set tiebreaker, Garcia-Lopez broke Young's serve twice in winning the second set, and used another service break to take a 5-3 lead in the third set with a chance to close things out. After holding serve to close within 5-4, Young overcame two match points — the second on a leaping overhand volley that Garcia-Lopez put into the net — to get his own service break and tie the match at 5-5 in the third set.

"It was just reacting — I really wasn't thinking," Young said. "I just wanted to get the ball back, and did what I had to do to get it back. It was definitely exciting to save a match point that way, but the big picture didn't happen the way I wanted it to."

In the third-set tiebreaker, Young led 4-1 and 6-4, aided by a pair of mini-breaks on Garcia-Lopez's serve. But Garcia-Lopez held



**Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, of Spain, reacts after defeating Donald Young 6-7 (4), 6-3, 7-6 (6) in a match at the Winston-Salem Open tennis tournament in Winston-Salem, N.C., Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014.**

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serve to pull within 6-5, then pulled ahead off a pair of mini-breaks on Young's serve.

In other matches Wednesday, Belgian qualifier David Goffin extended his winning streak to 25 matches by taking a 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 victory over 15th-seeded Jarkko Nieminen of Finland.

Also advancing to Thursday's quarterfinals were Poland's Jerzy Janowicz, a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 winner over 12th-seeded Edouard Roger-Vasselin of France; seventh-seeded Lukas Rosol of the Czech Republic defeated No. 10 seed Pablo Andujar of Spain 1-6, 6-2, 6-2; ninth-seeded Yen-

Hsun Lu of Taiwan beat No. 8 seed Marcel Granollers of Spain 6-1, 6-2; and 14th-seeded Andreas Seppi of Italy downed France's Nicolas Mahut 6-4, 7-6 (9-7). Scheduled to play later Wednesday was American John Isner, the tournament's top seed and two-time champion. □



# B&N, Samsung unveil reading-focused Nook tablet

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Barnes & Noble and Samsung unveiled a new reading-focused tablet that will replace the bookseller's own Nook tablets.

The 7-inch Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 Nook will sell for \$179, the same entry price of the non-branded Samsung Galaxy Tab 4.

The move had been expected since Barnes & Noble said in June it would team up with Samsung to release co-branded Nook tablets in August.

For the first time, the Nook will have a camera. The 1.3 megapixel camera on the front is on par with what's on other tablets, but the 3.0 megapixel rear one isn't as sharp.

The Nook offers access to both the Nook app store and Google's Play store for Android apps — the latter unavailable in previous Nook tablets.

The New York company spent years investing in its Nook e-book reader and e-book library, but they struggled to be profitable. And in December the chain

said it was evaluating the future of its tablets. Still it offered a new non-tablet e-book reader during the holiday season.

In an interview, Barnes & Noble CEO Mike Huseby said Nook tablets hadn't done well in the past because they weren't full-featured. This one, he said, has a camera and other features expected in Android tablets, while offering additional ones targeted at readers.

While it's possible to install a Nook app on most Android tablets, the Nook tablet goes further in offering a home screen with quick links to favorites and recently read books. You can pause reading to check email or Facebook, then hit a book icon on the corner of the home screen to instantly resume your book. Amazon's Kindle Fire tablets also emphasize reading, alongside shopping, movies and other Amazon services. They have had more success than Nooks. Huseby said Barnes & Noble has the advantage of having more than 600 stores where customers



A brand ambassador handles a new Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 Nook during the unveiling of the co-branded tablet that will replace B&N's Nook, Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014, in New York.

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can come in to check out the products before buying and return for tutorials and other help.

"Amazon doesn't have them," he said. "You can call them on the phone or chat online, but they don't have a store in which you can get a human contact and expert bookseller."

B&N has been trying to turn itself around as competi-

tion from discount stores and online retailers toughens, and as consumers shift away from traditional books to digital formats.

Barnes & Noble says it will continue to make and sell its \$99 Nook GlowLight e-readers.

In July, Barnes & Noble said it would separate the Nook and retail businesses. The retail business includes

bookstores and the BN.com website and has been outperforming the Nook unit. Nook Media, whose investors include software company Microsoft Corp. and educational book publisher Pearson Inc., houses the digital and college businesses of Barnes & Noble. The company expects the separation to be complete by April 2015. □

## U.S. safety agency offers online recall check

**DETROIT (AP)** — The U.S. government is offering a free online service for drivers to find out if their vehicles have been recalled but not repaired.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said the service started Wednesday on its website, [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

Drivers can key in their vehicle identification number to get the results. The number can be found on the dashboard near the windshield or on the driver's door post near the latch.

Also starting Wednesday, automakers must keep the same data on their own websites, and they have to update it at least once per week. The safety agency's site will show data if there's an open recall, or it will tell drivers there are none.

The agency also said used-car buyers also can check for unrepaired vehicles before they make a purchase.

NHTSA said millions of vehicles are recalled every year, yet about one-

third of them are not repaired. That can be dangerous for used-car buyers.

Also, many people move, and automakers often have a difficult time finding them to notify them of recalls. Without the search feature, car owners who hear or read about recalls of their make and model had no way of finding out if their car was covered, said Carroll Lachnit, consumer advice editor at the Edmunds.com auto information site. "It is a huge step forward," said Lachnit.

U.S. automakers have recalled more than 40 million vehicles so far this year, breaking the previous annual record of 30.8 million set in 2004. About 29 million of those are General Motors vehicles as the company undergoes a sweeping safety review. The review began when GM revealed that it knew about a deadly small-car ignition switch problem for more than a decade, yet it didn't issue any recalls until this year. □

## Chip maker Infineon to buy California firm for \$3B

**FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)** — German chip maker Infineon Technologies AG says it has agreed to pay \$3 billion in cash for California-based semiconductor firm International Rectifier, which produces power-management components used in everything from cars to satellites.

Infineon said in Wednesday's announcement that it's paying \$40 per share for El Segundo-based International Rectifier. The deal has been approved by both boards, but must win regulatory permission and meet the approval of International Rectifier shareholders. The deal is expected to close late this year or early in 2015.

Infineon, based in Munich, has 26,700 employees and makes chips for a wide variety of products including cars, medical equipment and mobile devices. It says combining with International Rectifier will increase the scale

and efficiency of its own power-management business.

"The combination of Infineon's and International Rectifier's products, technological and innovative excellence,

as well as distributional strength will unleash great potential," Infineon CEO Reinhard Ploss said in a joint news release.

International Rectifier President and CEO Oleg Khaykin said that his company "will benefit from Infineon's products and technologies, manufacturing and operational excellence and greater R&D scale."

International Rectifier was founded in 1947 and has 4,160 employees. Its products have been used in a large number of appliances and products, including 2,000 space projects such as the Curiosity Mars Rover and the Hubble Space Telescope, according to the company's website. □



# Warren Buffett's company to pay \$896,000 penalty

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**OMAHA, Nebraska (AP)** —

Warren Buffett's company has agreed to an \$896,000 penalty for failing to tell regulators about a December 2013 investment in wall-board maker USG Corp. beforehand.

The Federal Trade Commission said Wednesday that Berkshire Hathaway Inc. should have notified the

U.S. Justice Department before it converted \$325 million of senior USG notes it held into 21.4 million shares of the company. Because Berkshire was already a significant USG shareholder, antitrust laws required it to notify regulators because of the size of the deal. At the end of June, Berkshire held just over 39 million USG shares. Berkshire did correct its initial filing after the

USG investment and clarify that it should have notified officials. But regulators said Berkshire made a similar mistake six months earlier when it acquired securities in Symetra Financial Corp. "Although we may not seek penalties for every inadvertent error, we will enforce the rules when the same party makes additional mistakes after promises of improved oversight,"

said Deborah Feinstein, Director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition. "Companies and individual investors alike should ensure that they have an effective program in place to monitor compliance." Buffett issued a statement Wednesday afternoon and described the matter as a simple mistake. He said Berkshire had owned the convertible USG notes since 2008

and was essentially forced to convert them into stock when USG redeemed them in 2013. "This event triggered a filing requirement for Berkshire and we were late in realizing that fact," Buffett said. Berkshire is a large conglomerate that owns more than 80 subsidiaries in a variety of industries, including insurance, utilities, railroads, retail and manufacturing. □

# Stocks advance for third day, despite Fed minutes

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**NEW YORK (AP)** —

The stock market rose for a third straight day Wednesday despite a report from the Federal Reserve that showed a growing chorus of central bank officials willing to raise interest rates sooner rather than later.

In the bond market, prices fell and yields rose as investors prepared themselves for higher interest rates.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 59.54 points, or 0.4 percent, to 16,979.13. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 4.91 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,986.51, less than two points away from its late-July record close of 1,987.98.

The Nasdaq composite was mostly unchanged on the day, falling 1.03 points, less than 0.1 percent, to 4,526.48. The majority of Fed policymakers believe the U.S. economy is improving enough that the bank should start considering how it's going to start raising interest rates, according to minutes from the bank's latest meeting. The debate on when the

Fed should raise interest rates, which have been near zero since 2008, has intensified in recent months as the central bank winds down its other economic stimulus. The Fed has been winding down its bond-buying program since December, and is expected to end it completely before the end of the year. Despite worries that the Fed's exit might be a net negative for the market, stocks have remained resilient. The S&P 500 is up 7.5 percent this year.

Jonathan Corpina, a floor trader at the New York Stock Exchange with Meridian Equity Partners, said investors are prepared to see the Fed raise interest rates. "We've been talking about raising interest rates for so long, I don't think the Fed is going to surprise anybody when they finally do it," Corpina said.

The Fed's key short-term interest rate influences the prices of a huge array of investments, including Treasuries, other kinds of bonds and stocks. If the Fed were to raise interest rates, investors would demand higher

yields on bonds.

The Fed minutes prompted some investors to sell bonds. The yield on the U.S. 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.43 percent from 2.40 percent the day before. Bond yields rise when prices

fall. Trading has been quiet this week as the summer winds down and with many traders on vacation. Tuesday was the third-slowest trading day of the year and Wednesday was 12th-slowest day.

On Friday, Fed Chair Janet



**Trader Steven Kaplan, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The stock market rose for a third straight day Wednesday despite a report from the Federal Reserve that showed a growing chorus of central bank officials willing to raise interest rates sooner rather than later.**

**(AP Photo/Richard Drew)**

Yellen will give a speech at the bank's annual conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The speech is often a venue where the leader of the Fed lays out major policy decisions.

"Janet Yellen's speech

in Jackson Hole will most likely guide the markets (now that) earnings season is winding down," Doug Cote, chief market strategist with Voya Investment Management, said.

Benchmark U.S. crude for September delivery rose

\$1.59 to \$96.07 a barrel New York. Oil rose after a report showed U.S. supplies dropped sharply last week as refineries kept busy.

In metals trading, gold fell \$1.50 to \$1,295.20 an ounce, silver rose 9 cents to \$19.50 an ounce and copper rose nine cents to \$3.18 a pound.

In individual stocks:

— J.M. Smucker fell \$1.03, or 1 percent, to \$102.42. The food products company, which also owns coffee brands such as Folgers, cut its full-year sales outlook. The company also said higher coffee prices were impacting the company's profit margins.

— PetSmart rose 82 cents, or 1 percent, to \$70.52 after the company said it was exploring a sale. The pet supply retailer had been under pressure from activist investors to consider a deal or a major restructuring.

— Hertz fell after the rental car company withdrew its full-year profit forecast, citing numerous "operational challenges" related to auto recalls and accounting irregularities. □

# Drop in Russian beer sales hurts brewer Carlsberg

**COPENHAGEN, Denmark**

**(AP)** —

Beer sales in Russia, Ukraine and other Eastern European countries are down and expected to keep falling as political tensions weigh on the region's economy, brewer Carlsberg said Wednesday.

The Danish company owns a range of brands across the world, including Baltika Breweries, based in its vast

Russian market. Consumers there are drinking less due to uncertainty about the country's economy, which some experts estimate is sliding into recession. Beer consumption dropped 7 percent in Russia and 10 percent in Ukraine, where Moscow is accused of supporting a militant separatist rebellion. Adding to Ukraine's market woes was a 43-per-

cent increase in the beer tax as the government there tries to steady its public finances. Carlsberg said its Eastern European markets overall are "increasingly challenging and uncertain," and expects them to deteriorate further in the second part of 2014 especially with more consumption declines in Russia and Ukraine. The Copenhagen-based

group said that "regardless of the challenging Russian macro-economy, we kept investing in our brands and maintained a high level of commercial activities to drive value and volume in the region."

The uncertainty kept a lid on sales growth, with Carlsberg's overall revenue edging up only slightly in the second quarter, to 19.2 billion kroner (\$3.4 billion)

from 19.06 billion kroner in the year-earlier period. Net profit increased to 2.2 billion kroner (\$39.4 million), from 2.1 billion kroner. Carlsberg's full-year net profit was expected "to decline by mid- to high-single-digit percentages."

Shares in Carlsberg dropped nearly 4.3 percent to 516 kroner in early morning trading in Copenhagen. □





A remodeled RadioShack store in Manhattan at 2268 Broadway, in New York. RadioShack flourished when consumers fixed or tinkered with their own electronics and gadgets, but now the appetite for those kinds of parts is a fraction of what it once was. "I just don't see anything the company is doing that is likely to really stop the bleeding," said Anthony Chukumba, an analyst at BB&T Capital Markets.

(Angel Franco/The New York Times)

## RadioShack struggles in our wireless world

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In 1971, Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak hawked tiny machines called Blue Boxes that allowed long-distance phone calls to be made free by mimicking certain tones.

"If it hadn't been for the Blue Boxes, there wouldn't have been an Apple," Jobs once said, according to Walter Isaacson's biography, "Steve Jobs."

The parts for the original Blue Box, a collection of diodes and transistors, came from RadioShack.

RadioShack once held a central place in the imagination of young minds and the world of technology, selling one of the first mass-market computers (the TRS-80) nearly 40 years ago.

But the digital revolution left it behind long ago, along with staples like tape recorders, landline answering machines and digital cameras.

After nine decades in the business, the company's pulse in the electronic marketplace has grown as faint as a fading battery. Its stock price is so low - it closed at 63 cents on Tuesday - that it may face delisting within the next few months by the New York Stock Exchange.

When it tried this spring to stop the hemorrhaging with plans to close 1,100 of its stores, its lenders balked. Some analysts predict the

company could run out of cash as early as next year.

"It's been death by 1,000 cuts," said Anthony C. Chukumba, an analyst at BB&T Capital Markets. "I just don't see anything the company is doing that is likely to really stop the bleeding."

Three fundamental market shifts in recent years have eroded RadioShack's relevance to consumers: changes in retailing convenience, the evolution of wireless and the diminution of the market for the bits and parts that form the inner workings of many a device.

For the last year and a half, however, the company has been scrambling aggressively to right itself. It brought in a new chief executive, Joseph C. Magnacca, who was widely seen as successful in revamping Duane Reade before it was sold to Walgreen.

Magnacca and his team have put a plan in place to try to turn around the brand, and fill its stores with unique, higher-margin merchandise.

"All these turnaround strategies could work. However, we don't see any evidence of it working thus far," said Mickey Chadha, a senior analyst at Moody's.

"The problem is the runway they have to make the turnaround strategy successful. □

## Stock Watch:

# Apple bounces back to hit a new high

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Apple's stock touched a new high Wednesday, reflecting investors' renewed faith in CEO Tim Cook's ability to outwit the competition and expand the technological hit factory built by the late Steve Jobs. The milestone represents a dramatic turnaround in sentiment since Apple's shares reached its previous split-adjusted peak of \$100.72 in September 2012. After hitting \$101.09 Wednesday afternoon, shares slipped back to \$100.87, still up by

Now, there are signs that Samsung's devices are losing momentum while Apple prepares to release the next version of its iPhone this fall and investors wait for Cook to deliver on his promise to introduce a product that will open up new opportunities. The breakthrough is widely expected to be a smartwatch that will include sensors to help people monitor their health.

Hewing to its secretive ways, Apple hasn't provided details about its upcoming products.

Cook, though, has been

the iPhone's screen size in 2012, going from 3.5 inches to 4 inches that time.

Analysts are also enthused about Apple's efforts to immerse its devices and services even more deeply into people's lives by creating a system that syncs the iPhone with display screens in autos and implanting a health-tracking system in the next version of its mobile software due out this fall. The new software, called iOS 8, could also work with a smartwatch, if Apple does release one.

Apple's stock has bounced back with the help of some



Apple CEO Tim Cook gestures during an Apple conference in San Francisco. Apple's stock touched a new high Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014, reflecting investors' renewed faith in Cook's ability to outwit the competition and expand the technological hit factory built by the late Steve Jobs. (AP Photo/Jeff Chiu)

34 cents for the session. That gave Apple a market value of \$604 billion — by far more than any other publicly held company.

Apple's stock had fallen to a split-adjusted \$55.01 in April 2013 to wipe out about \$300 billion in shareholder wealth amid worries that the Cupertino, California, company had run out of ideas without Jobs as its mastermind. The anxiety escalated as sales of iPhones and iPads slowed amid the growing popularity of less expensive smartphones and tablet computers made by Samsung Electronics and other rivals relying on Google's free Android software.

raising hopes that Apple is poised to create a new product category for the first time since the iPad's release four years ago. "We've got some great things that we're working on that I'm very, very proud of and very, very excited about," he told analysts in April. Anticipation for the next iPhone already is running even higher than the usual frenetic buildup. The device is expected to feature a display screen of at least 4.7 inches, an upgrade likely to spur many Apple fans to scrap their old models for a more spacious version. Apple's stock hit its previous high the last time the company increased

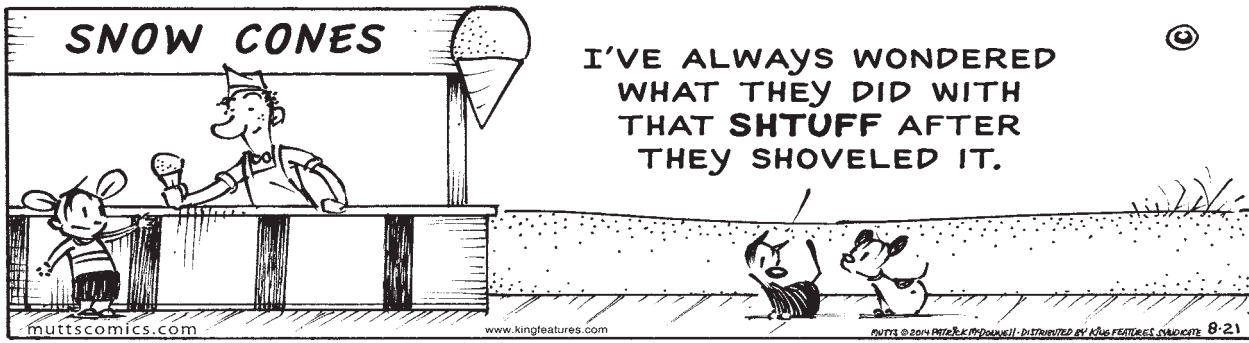
financial engineering, too. The company's board voted in April to spend an additional \$30 billion buying back Apple's stock and approved an unusual 7-for-1 stock split.

The split, completed last month, was Apple's first in nine years.

Although a split doesn't change a company's market value, it often helps lift a stock's price by making the shares appear more affordable to a larger pool of potential investors. In Apple's case, the split caused the stock price to fall from about \$645 to \$92 to adjust for the issuance of more than 5 billion additional shares. □



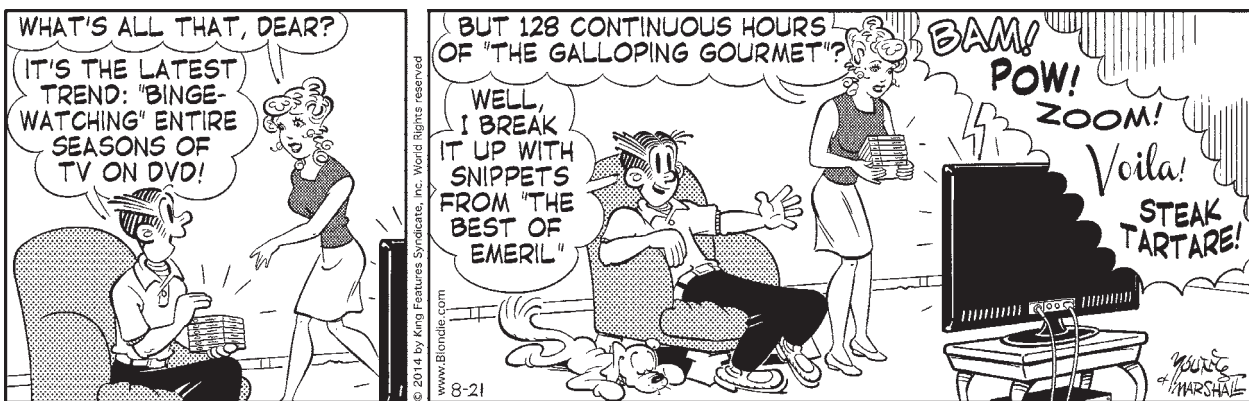
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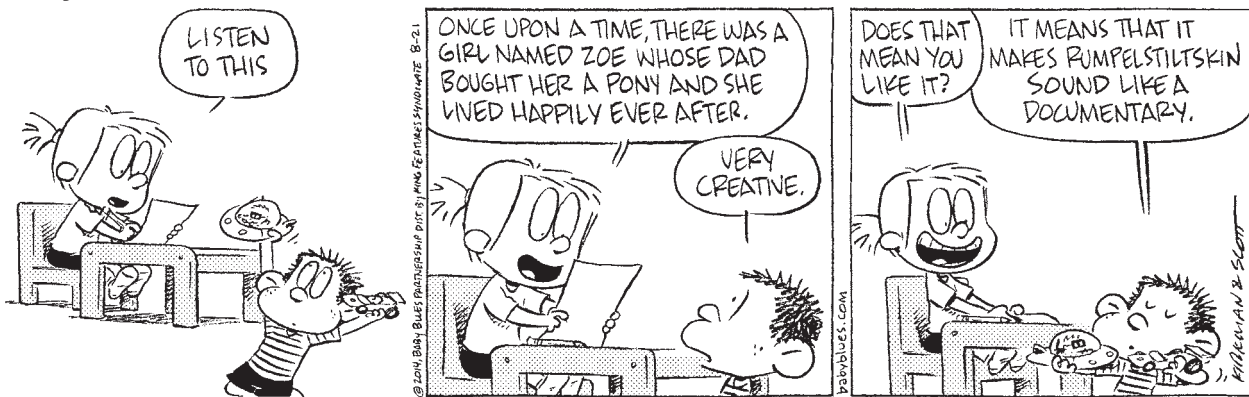
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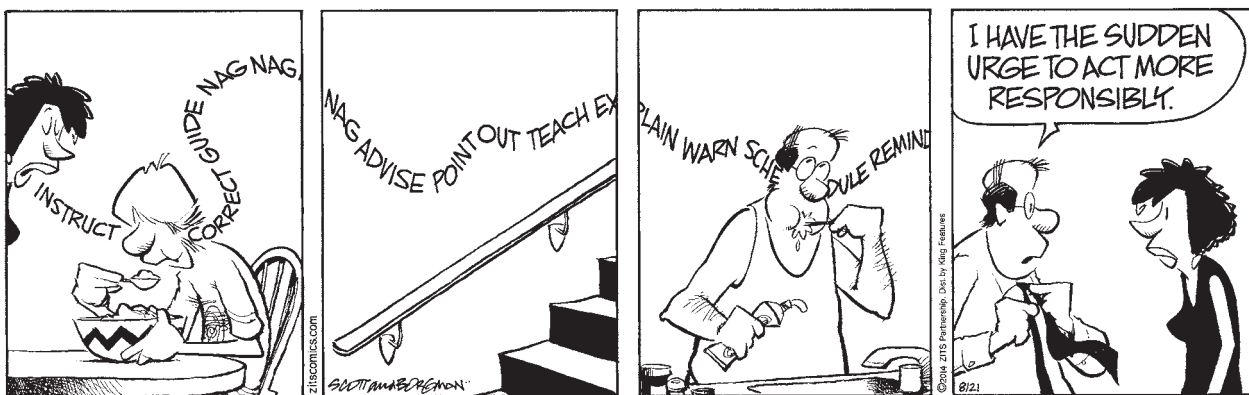
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## Conceptis Sudoku

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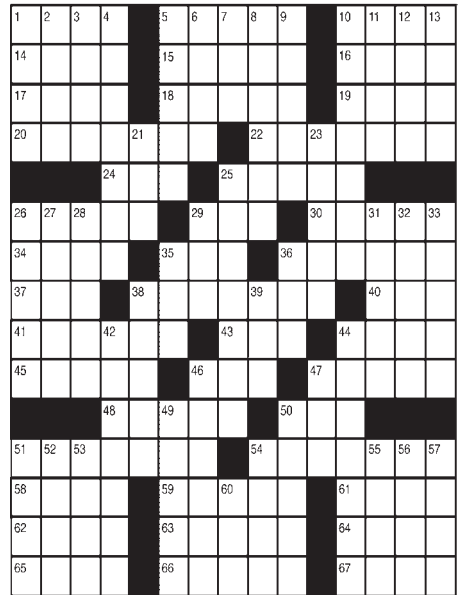
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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### ACROSS

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- Perched upon
- \_\_ up on; study
- Bring upon oneself, as a penalty
- Unusual
- Furious
- Intoxicated
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- Hidden supply
- Signified
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- Chances
- Skirt's border
- Tabby or tiger
- Find a sum
- Totally redid the electricity
- Ike's initials
- Brother's daughters
- Hit a tennis ball in a high arc
- British noble
- Blood component
- Mom's mate
- Actor Winkler
- Passenger
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- Old Roman garment
- Purple shade
- Bring on board
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- Scorch
- Consecrates a priest
- French farewell
- Be flexible
- D's forerunners
- Pie bottoms
- Good or bad force due to one's actions
- Matt Dillon's title on "Gunsmoke"
- Ogden's state
- Additional amount
- Drove too fast
- Acquired
- Requested
- Alike
- Complains
- Albert or Fisher
- Deadly viper
- Chop down
- Obama's VP
- Beneath
- Suspicious
- "For \_\_ a jolly good fellow..."

### DOWN

- As \_\_ as a boil
- Microwave, e.g.

- Jan.'s follower
- Send in payment
- Singer Stewart
- Small raisin
- Juicy fruits
- Actor Robert
- That woman
- Valleys
- Walks the floor
- Halt
- Vatican leader
- Gets older
- Alda sitcom
- Lofty
- Therefore
- Take a nap
- Drink like a dog



# Yellen

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That said, her first six months haven't been without stumbles. Consider her first news conference. Responding to a question, Yellen said that when the Fed stated it would keep its benchmark rate ultra-low for a "considerable time" after its bond purchases ended, that phrase meant around six months.

Stocks sank on fears that rate increases could start sooner than expected.

Asked about her six-month comment at her next news conference, Yellen de-coupled the phrase "considerable time" from any specific period.

"It depends on how the economy progresses," she explained.

Diane Swonk, chief economist at Mesirow Financial, said Yellen was trying to be clear without perhaps

recognizing how much a Fed chair's words could be over-interpreted.

"Yellen is a much clearer speaker than past Fed chairmen," Swonk said. "But Yellen learned the dangers from being too clear. She will never use the words 'six months' again."

Yellen has appeared comfortable fielding reporters' questions. She's also withstood grilling from members of Congress. Where Bernanke's voice would sometimes quaver under hostile questioning, Yellen has remained cool and has parried any attacks in a calm voice that hints of her native Brooklyn.

"It would be a grave mistake for the Fed to commit to conduct monetary policy according to a mathematical rule," Yellen explained to a House committee after Republicans pressed her to back legislation to compel the Fed to follow a policy rule in setting rates. □

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# Neanderthals and humans had 'ample time' to mix

**FRANK JORDANS**  
**Associated Press**

**BERLIN (AP)** - Humans and Neanderthals may have coexisted in Europe for more than 5,000 years, providing ample time for the two species to meet and mix, according to new research.

Using new carbon dating techniques and mathematical models, researchers examined about 200 samples found at 40 sites from Spain to Russia, according to a study published Wednesday in the journal *Nature*. They concluded with a high probability that pockets of Neanderthal culture survived until between 41,030 and 39,260 years ago.

Although this puts the disappearance of Neanderthals earlier than some scientists previously thought, the findings support the idea that they lived alongside humans, who arrived in Europe about 45,000-43,000 years ago.

"We believe we now have the first robust timeline that



**This Jan. 8, 2003 file photo shows a reconstructed Neanderthal skeleton, right, and a modern human version of a skeleton, left, on display at the Museum of Natural History in New York.**

**Associated Press**

sheds new light on some of the key questions around the possible interactions between Neanderthals and modern humans," said Thomas Higham, an archaeologist at the University of Oxford who led the study.

While it's known that Neanderthal genes have survived in the DNA of many modern humans to this

day, suggesting that at least some interbreeding took place, scientists are still unclear about the extent of their contact and the reasons why Neanderthals vanished.

"These new results confirm a long-suspected chronological overlap between the last Neanderthals and the first modern humans in Europe," said Jean-

Jacques Hublin, director of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany, who wasn't involved in the study.

Apart from narrowing the length of time that the two species existed alongside each other to between 2,600 and 5,400 years, Higham and his colleagues also believe they have shown that Neanderthals and humans largely kept to themselves.

"What we don't see is that there is spatial overlap (in where they settled)," said Higham.

This is puzzling, because there is evidence that late-stage Neanderthals were culturally influenced by modern humans. Samples taken from some Neanderthal sites include artifacts that look like those introduced to Europe by humans migrating from Africa.

This would point to the possibility that Neanderthals whose name derives from

a valley in western Germany adopted certain human habits and technologies even as they were being gradually pushed out of their territory.

"I think they were eventually outcompeted," said Higham.

Wil Roebroeks, an archaeologist at Leiden University in the Netherlands, cautioned that the study relies to a large degree on testing of stone tools, rather than bones, and these haven't been conclusively linked to particular species, or hominins.

"The results of this impressive dating study are clear, but the assumptions about the association of stone artefact with hominin types underlying the interpretation of the dating results will be undoubtedly rigorously tested in field- and laboratory work over the near future," said Roebroeks, who wasn't involved in the study. "Such testing can now be done with a chronologically clean slate."



**This photo provided by NASA shows a tiny Peruvian research satellite, right of center, launched by spacewalking astronauts aboard the International Space Station, Monday, Aug. 18, 2014.**

**Associated Press**

## Spacewalking astronauts release baby satellite

**MARCIA DUNN**  
**AP Aerospace Writer**  
**CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida**

**(AP)** — Spacewalking astronauts launched a tiny Peruvian research satellite Monday, setting it loose on a mission to observe Earth. Russian Oleg Artemiev cast the 4-inch (10.1-centimeter) box off with his gloved right hand as the International Space Station sailed 260 miles (418 kilometers) above the cloud-flecked planet.

The nanosatellite gently tumbled as it cleared the vicinity of the orbiting complex, precisely as planned. "One, two, three," someone called out in Russian as Artemiev let go of the satellite.

Cameras watched as the nanosatellite — named Chasqui after the Inca messengers who were fleet of foot — increased its distance and grew smaller. Artemiev's Russian space-

walking partner, Alexander Skvortsov, tried to keep his helmet camera aimed at the satellite as it floated away.

The satellite — barely 2 pounds (0.9 kilograms) — holds instruments to measure temperature and pressure, and cameras that will photograph Earth. It's a technological learning experience for the National University of Engineering in Lima. A Russian cargo ship delivered the device earlier this year.

Less than a half-hour into the spacewalk, the satellite was on its way, flying freely. With that completed, Artemiev and Skvortsov set about installing fresh science experiments outside the Russian portion of the space station and retrieving old ones.

"Be careful," Russian Mission Control outside Moscow warned as the astronauts made their way to

their next work site. They also collected samples from a window of the main Russian living compartment; engineers want to check for any engine residue from visiting spacecraft.

The spacewalkers wrapped up their work early. Flight controllers thanked them for their five-hour effort.

The two conducted a spacewalk in June, a few months after moving into the space station. Four other men live there: another Russian, two Americans and one German.

U.S. spacewalks, meanwhile, remain on hold.

NASA hoped to resume them this month after a yearlong investigation but delayed the activity until autumn to get fresh space-suit batteries on board. The SpaceX company will deliver the batteries on a Dragon supply ship next month.



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U.S. actor Dwayne Johnson poses for photos as he arrives for an event to promote his film "Hercules," in Mexico City, Monday, August 18, 2014. Associated Press

## Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson set for DC Comics film

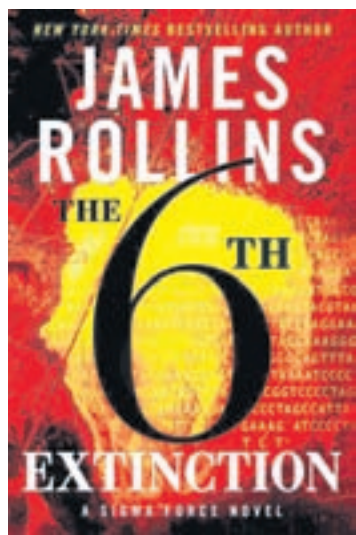
MEXICO CITY (AP) — Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson says he will play a role in an upcoming DC Comics movie adaption but has yet to decide between superhero Shazam and his arch-nemesis Black Adam. He may not have a hard time making a decision. He told The Associated Press on Monday that he has always been a fan of anti-heroes and said one of his favorite DC Comics char-

acters is Black Adam. Appearing in Mexico City to promote "Hercules," Johnson said he will make sure comic fans are not disappointed. "I am putting my heart and soul and my bones into this role," he said. Johnson didn't say whether his character will appear in the film "Superman v Batman: Dawn of Justice," which is scheduled to be released in 2016. □

## James Rollins delivers in 'The 6th Extinction'

JEFF AYERS

The Sigma Force discovers a threat that could destroy the human race in James Rollins' 10th book to feature his team of elite scientists and soldiers. In "The 6th Extinction," a military research station located near Yosemite National Park experiences a breach. When help arrives, every living thing within 50 square miles is dead, including the bacteria in the dirt. And this blight appears to be spreading. Trying to resolve the crisis, Sigma Force deciphers a clue that leads some of the group to Antarctica. Readers who love over-the-top action mixed with fascinating characters, sci-



This book cover image released by William Morrow shows "The 6th Extinction," by James Rollins.

Associated Press

ence and history will find joy in the treasure that Rollins delivers. □

## Aniston, Hamm, Hudson set to Stand Up to Cancer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jennifer Aniston, Jon Hamm, Halle Berry, Reese Witherspoon and Kiefer Sutherland want to connect with you about cancer. They are among the stars slated to appear on "Stand Up to Cancer," the hour-long telethon set to air Sept. 5 on 31 broadcast and cable networks simultaneously.

Other celebrity participants announced Wednesday include Pierce Brosnan, Rob Lowe, Will Ferrell, Ben Stiller, Eric Stonestreet and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Rather than the stars staffing phone banks as they have on past "Stand Up to Cancer" telethons, they'll be contacting with viewers by phone and online through Facebook and other platforms from a "digital lounge" hosted by Katie Couric. Fans can sign up for the "We're Calling You" initiative beginning Wednesday at werecallingyou.org.

"We'll have plenty of stars reaching out to donors via social media, thanking them through Facebook messages, digital shout outs, Instagrams and tweets," Couric said. "In other words, this year, we are so 2014!"

"Instead of people calling in with the hope of talking to a celebrity, stars will be calling and sending social shout-outs to viewers at home," Couric



Actor and St. Louis native Jon Hamm addresses the media prior to a baseball game between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Cincinnati Reds, Monday, Aug. 18, 2014, in St. Louis. Hamm is being honored tonight by the Cardinals with a giveaway promotion, and portions of proceeds from the purchase of promotional tickets being donated to St. Jude Children's Medical Research Hospital in his honor. Associated Press

said.

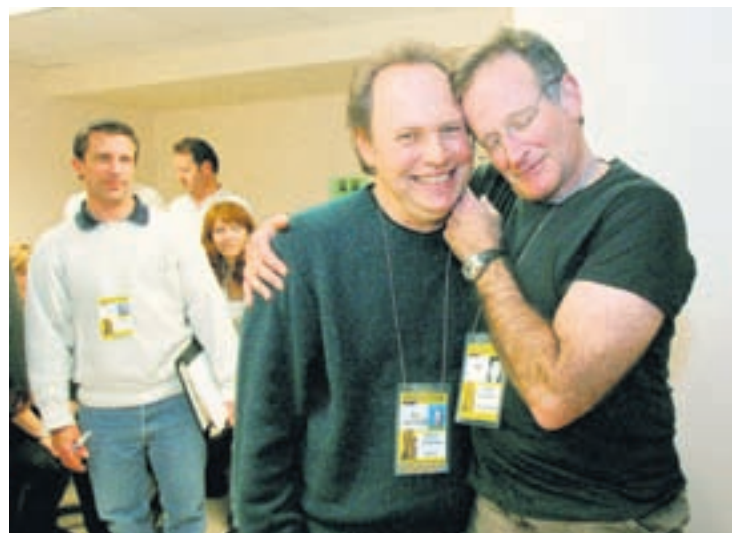
The "Stand Up to Cancer" special will also feature performances by Jennifer Hudson, Ariana Grande, The Who, Common & Lupe Fiasco and Dave Matthews.

For the first time, the telethon will include a Canadian co-broadcast, with funds raised benefiting research and

awareness programs in Canada.

Funds raised by the telethon support international, interdisciplinary scientific research aimed at discovering new treatments for various types of cancer. Since its first broadcast in 2008, Stand Up to Cancer has pledged more than \$260 million. □

## Emmys: Billy Crystal to pay tribute to Williams



This Feb. 28, 2004 file photo shows Oscar host Billy Crystal, center, and presenter Robin Williams, right, joking around after a writers' meeting for the 76th annual Academy Awards in Los Angeles. Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Billy Crystal will pay tribute to Robin Williams, his longtime

friend and fellow comedian, at next week's Emmy Awards. Crystal will honor

Williams as part of the traditional "in memoriam" segment for industry members who died during the past year, Emmy executive producer Don Mischer said in a statement Wednesday. Mischer said the memorial segment during Monday's ceremony will include a performance from Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Sara Bareilles. Williams was found dead in his Northern California home on Aug. 11.

At last year's Emmys, Williams honored his friend and mentor Jonathan Winters during the tribute segment.

The Emmy Awards will be broadcast by NBC. □



# Gilberto spreads her 'Bebel Sound' in new album

**CLAUDIA TORRENS**

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Bebel Gilberto isn't just about bossa nova.

The Rio de Janeiro-raised musician — the daughter of renowned singer and guitarist Joao Gilberto and singer and composer Miucha, — describes her music simply as the "Bebel Sound," an eclectic mix of Brazilian rhythms, soul and electronic music.

"It's music that is easy to listen to. It's music that soothes you, that inspires you. Some of my music is good for dancing, and I definitely will say that is good recipe for a date," Gilberto, 48, said during an interview in a New York City Brazilian restaurant. Her album "Tudo," released Tuesday, includes 12 songs in Portuguese, English and even some French.

The eclectic mix is understandable. The New York-born musician grew up steeped in bossa nova



anytime and anywhere — as it recently did in Tulum, Mexico, where she imagined a song during a long stroll.

This year, Gilberto plans to play in Europe and Brazil before returning to the U.S.

**This undated image released by Brasil Summerfest shows Bebel Gilberto, daughter of bossa nova giant Joao Gilberto. Bebel's latest album, "Tudo," was released on Tuesday, Aug. 19.**

**Associated Press**

and U.S. pop rock. Her first album, "Tanto Tempo," was released in 2000, positioning her as an internationally recognized artist. She followed with "Bebel Gilberto" (2004), "Momento" (2007) and "All in One" (2009).

"I can easily create melodies. For people who can understand music they (the melodies) tend to get kind of a profile of who I am," Gilberto said, adding that inspiration can come to her

in the fall.

Her new work radiates optimism even in its title, which in English means "all" but can also be translated as "very good" or "fantastic." "I wanted to sing about each little moment, emotion, idea, melody that has been part of my life over the past year," she said. "I am loving life and living more passionately than ever and wanted to share all that." □



**This Oct. 17, 2013 file photo shows U.S. pop star Madonna at the "Hard Candy Fitness" center in Berlin, Germany.**

**Associated Press**

## Material Girl's materials to be auctioned in Nov.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Get ready to dance in Madonna's old clothes.

Julien's Auctions announced Tuesday that items from the pop icon's personal and professional life will be auctioned Nov. 7-8. Pieces from her "Material Girl," "Music" and "American Pie" music videos will be offered during the Icons & Idols: Rock n' Roll auction in Beverly Hills,

California. More than 30 items from the 1996 film "Evita" will also be available. Julien's Auctions said some of the awards that Madonna has won over the years will also be offered, including an MTV Video Music Award and an American Music Award. The auction will also include written lyrics, a diary from 1988, signed checks and a 1972 yearbook. □

## Bob Marley musical to make premiere in Baltimore

**MARK KENNEDY**

**AP Drama Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A musical about Bob Marley that uses the Jamaican reggae icon's music is in the works for next year.

Center Stage in Baltimore said Tuesday it would present the world premiere of "Marley," written and directed by company artistic director Kwame Kwei-Armah. It will run from May 6 to June 14.

The show focuses on the years 1975 to 1978, when Marley survived an attempted assassination in Jamaica and went into exile in London. It will feature mid-'70s Marley albums as "Exodus," "Kaya," and "Rastaman Vibration," which include the songs "Jamming," "Three Little Birds" and "Roots, Rock, Reggae."

It's a collaboration be-



**This 1976 file photo originally released by Island Records shows Jamaican reggae singer Bob Marley.**

**Associated Press**

tween Center Stage and New York's Public Theater, where Kwei-Armah directed two productions last

year. Oskar Eustis, artistic director of the Public Theater, will be the "Marley" dramaturg. □

## MTV Video Music Awards to open with a 'Bang'

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The MTV Video Music Awards will open with a "Bang."

Ariana Grande, Nicki Minaj and Jessie J will kick off Sunday's awards show with their new song, "Bang Bang." It will be the first time the trio performs the Top 10 hit. Grande and Minaj will also perform separately during the VMAs, to air live from the Forum in Inglewood, California.

Beyonce is the top nomi-

nee and will compete for eight awards, including video of the year for "Drunk in Love." She will also receive the Michael Jackson video vanguard award.

Beyonce will take the stage Sunday night, where other performers include Usher, 5 Seconds of Summer, Maroon 5, Taylor Swift, Sam Smith and Iggy Azalea, who has seven nominations.

Eminem is also nominated for seven moonmen. □



## Sister Acts



**NICHOLAS KRISTOF**  
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In an age of villainy, war and inequality, it makes sense that we need superheroes. And after trying Superman, Batman and Spider-Man, we may have found the best superheroes yet: Nuns. "I may not believe in God, but I do believe in nuns," writes Jo Piazza, in her forthcoming book, "If Nuns Ruled the World." Piazza is an agnostic living in New York City who began interviewing nuns and found herself utterly charmed and inspired.

"They eschew the spotlight by their very nature, and yet they're out there in the world every day, living the Gospel and caring for the poor," Piazza writes. "They don't hide behind fancy and expensive vestments, a pulpit, or a sermon. I have never met a nun who rides a Mercedes-Benz or a Cadillac. They walk a lot; they ride bikes." One of the most erroneous caricatures of nuns is that they are prim, Victorian figures cloistered in convents. On the contrary, I've become a huge fan of nuns because I see them so often risking their lives around the world, confronting warlords, pimps and thugs, while speaking the local languages fluently. In a selfish world, they epitomize selflessness and compassion.

There are also plenty of formidable nuns whom even warlords don't want to mess with, who combine reverence with ferocity, who defy the Roman Catholic Church by handing out condoms to prostitutes to protect them from HIV. (They surely don't mention that to the bishops.)

One of the nuns whom Piazza profiles is Sister Megan Rice. She earned a graduate degree at Boston College and then moved to Nigeria in 1962 to run a school for girls she had helped establish in a remote area with no electricity or running water. After eventually returning to the United States, she began campaigning against nuclear weapons.

In 2012, at the age of 82, she masterminded a break-in of a nuclear complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to call attention to the nuclear threat. As she was handcuffed by armed security guards, she sang "This Little Light of Mine." She is now serving a prison sentence of almost three years.

I don't approve of breaking into national security compounds, and I think nuclear doctrine is more complex than Megan

probably does. Nonetheless, I admire someone with such guts and commitment to principles.

Another remarkable nun is Sister Jeannine Gramick, who, while working toward a doctorate in mathematics, met a gay Catholic man who asked for religious help. She organized a home service for him that grew into a regular liturgy for gay Catholics in private homes.

In 1977, she helped found New Ways Ministry to support gay and lesbian Catholics. The Vatican tried to suppress her, and her order, the Loretto Sisters, was instructed at least nine times to dismiss her. It passively resisted. "The Vatican tried to silence me," Jeannine told Piazza, "and it just didn't work."

At a time when much of Christianity denounced gays and lesbians, Jeannine was a beacon of compassion and struggled to educate the church she loved. "People always emphasize sex, sex, sex," Jeannine told Piazza. "And it isn't about sex. It is about love. It is who you fall in love with that makes you lesbian and gay. Love is the important thing here, not sex."

All this has led the Vatican to investigate and clamp down on American nuns in a harsh crackdown that has been referred to as the Great Nunquisition. In 2012, the Vatican reprimanded a group of American nuns for promoting "radical feminist themes."

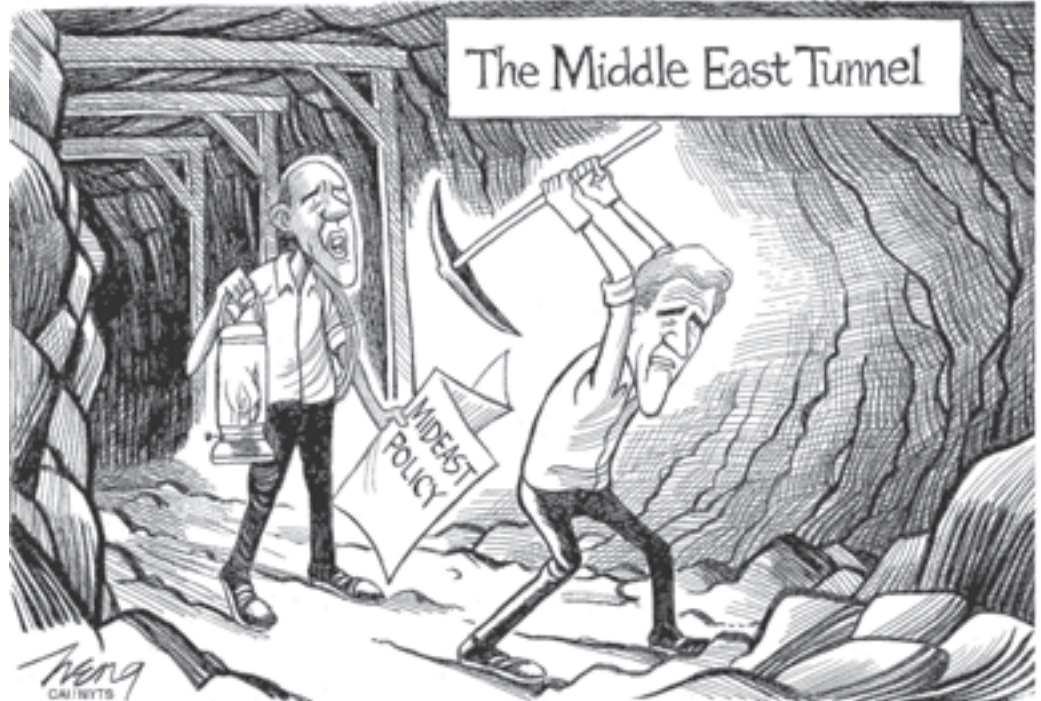
Piazza quotes a nun who said a friend put it to her this way: "Let me get this straight. Some priests committed sex abuse. Bishops covered it up. And so they're investigating nuns?" Pope Francis, so far, has continued the crackdown, but he seems more enlightened than his predecessors and maybe he'll understand that battling nuns is hopeless. Nuns are iron women - and sometimes that's more than a metaphor.

Sister Madonna Buder, nicknamed "the iron nun," took up running at age 47 and has completed 366 triathlons. She set her personal best at age 62, and, at age 82, she became the oldest person, male or female, to complete an Ironman triathlon.

In the course of her races, she has broken her arms eight times, her hip twice, her ribs countless times. She runs 5 miles to and from church, in long pants suitable for Mass, and foregoes a coach. "My coach," she explains, "is the Man Upstairs."

Forgive us for having sinned and thought of nuns as backward, when, in fact, they were among the first feminists. And, in a world of narcissism and cynicism, they constitute an inspiring contingent of moral leaders who actually walk the walk.

So a suggestion: How about if the Vatican spends less time investigating nuns and the public spends less time mocking nuns - and we all spend more time emulating nuns? □



## Playing Soldier in the Suburbs



**ROSS DOUTHAT**  
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To understand what's been happening in Ferguson, Missouri, where protests and violence following a cop's shooting of an unarmed teenager summoned up a police response that looked more like a military invasion, it helps to flash back to the heyday of the Symbionese Liberation Army.

The SLA, one of the loopyest and most dangerous of the home-grown terrorist groups that flourished in the madhouse of the early 1970s, was already famous for kidnapping and "converting" Patty Hearst when its members engaged in a nationally televised shootout in Los Angeles in the spring of 1974.

The firefight, in which six terrorists died without injury to police or bystanders, helped publicize the innovations of a small group of Angeleno police officers. Eight years earlier, after the Watts riots, they began to develop the combat-ready police unit that played a central role in taking down the SLA. That unit was America's first special weapons and tactics team, or SWAT.

In an era of riots and hijackings, the SWAT model understandably spread nationwide. But as the riots died away and the threat of domestic terror receded, SWAT tactics - helicopters, heavy weaponry, the works - became increasingly integrated into normal crime-fighting, and especially into the war on drugs.

This was phase one in the militarization of America's police forces, as described in Radley Balko's es-

sential 2013 book on the subject, "The Rise of the Warrior Cop." Phase two, in which the federal government began supplying local police with military hardware, began in the 1990s and accelerated after 9/11, under the theory that Islamic terrorists could strike anywhere, and that it might take a cop with a grenade launcher to stop them.

In the name of local preparedness, Washington has been bestowing anti-terror grants and Pentagon surplus on communities barely touched by major crime, let alone by terrorism.

Tanks and aircraft, helmets and armor, guns and grenade launchers have flowed to police departments from Des Moines (home of two \$180,000 bomb-disarming robots) to Keene, New Hampshire (population 23,000, murder rate infinitesimal and the proud custodian of an armored BearCat).

Last week, The New Republic's Alec MacGillis ran the numbers for Missouri and found that the state's Department of Public Safety received about \$69 million from the Department of Homeland Security in the past five years alone. Which helps explain why the streets of a St. Louis suburb flooded so quickly with cops in gas masks and camouflage, driving armored cars and brandishing rifles like an occupying army. It's our anti-terror policies made manifest, our tax dollars at work. And it's a path to potential disaster, for cops and citizens alike. The "S" in SWAT was there for a reason: Militarized tactics that are potentially useful in specialized circumstances - like firefights with suicidal terrorist groups - can be disastrous when employed for crowd-control purposes by rank-and-file cops. (Tellingly, Ferguson's streets calmed when state cops started walking through the crowds in blue uniforms, behaving like police instead of storm troopers.)

To many critics of police militarization, of course, the helmets and heavy weaponry are just symptoms. The disease is the en-

tire range of aggressive police tactics (from no-knock raids to stop-and-frisk), the racial disparities they help perpetuate and our society's drug laws and extraordinary incarceration rate.

Well before Ferguson, this broad critique - long pressed by a mix of libertarians like Balko and left-wingers - was gaining traction in the political mainstream. This is why sentencing reform has a growing number of Republican champions, and why Rand Paul's critique of the Ferguson police was more pointed and sweeping than President Barack Obama's. The argument for broad reform is appealing; it might also be overly optimistic. To be clear: I cheered Paul's comments, I support most of the reforms under consideration, I want lower incarceration rates and fewer people dying when a no-knock raid goes wrong. But there may be trade-offs here: In an era of atomization, distrust and economic stress, our punitive system may be a big part of what's keeping crime rates as low as they are now, making criminal justice reform more complicated than a simple pro-liberty free lunch.

But the military hardware issue, the Bobcats and grenade launchers and what we've seen unfold in Ferguson - that does seem easy, uncomplicated, clear. Crime rates rise and fall, but crime-fighting is a constant for police; dealing with terrorism and insurrection, however, decidedly is not. Yet for decades we've been equipping our cops as though the Symbionese Liberation Army were about to come out of retirement, as if every burst of opportunistic lawlessness could become another Watts, as though the al-Qaida sleeper cells we feared after 9/11 were as pervasive in life as they are on "24" or "Homeland."

And this is where it's ended: with a bunch of tomfool police playing soldier, tear-gassing random civilians, arresting journalists and turning Ferguson into a watchword for policing at its worst. Time to take their toys away. □



## The Upshot:

# In One America, Guns and Diets; In the Other, Digital Cameras

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In the hardest places to live in the United States, people spend a lot of time thinking about diets and religion. In the easiest places to live, people spend a lot of time thinking about cameras. This summer, The Upshot

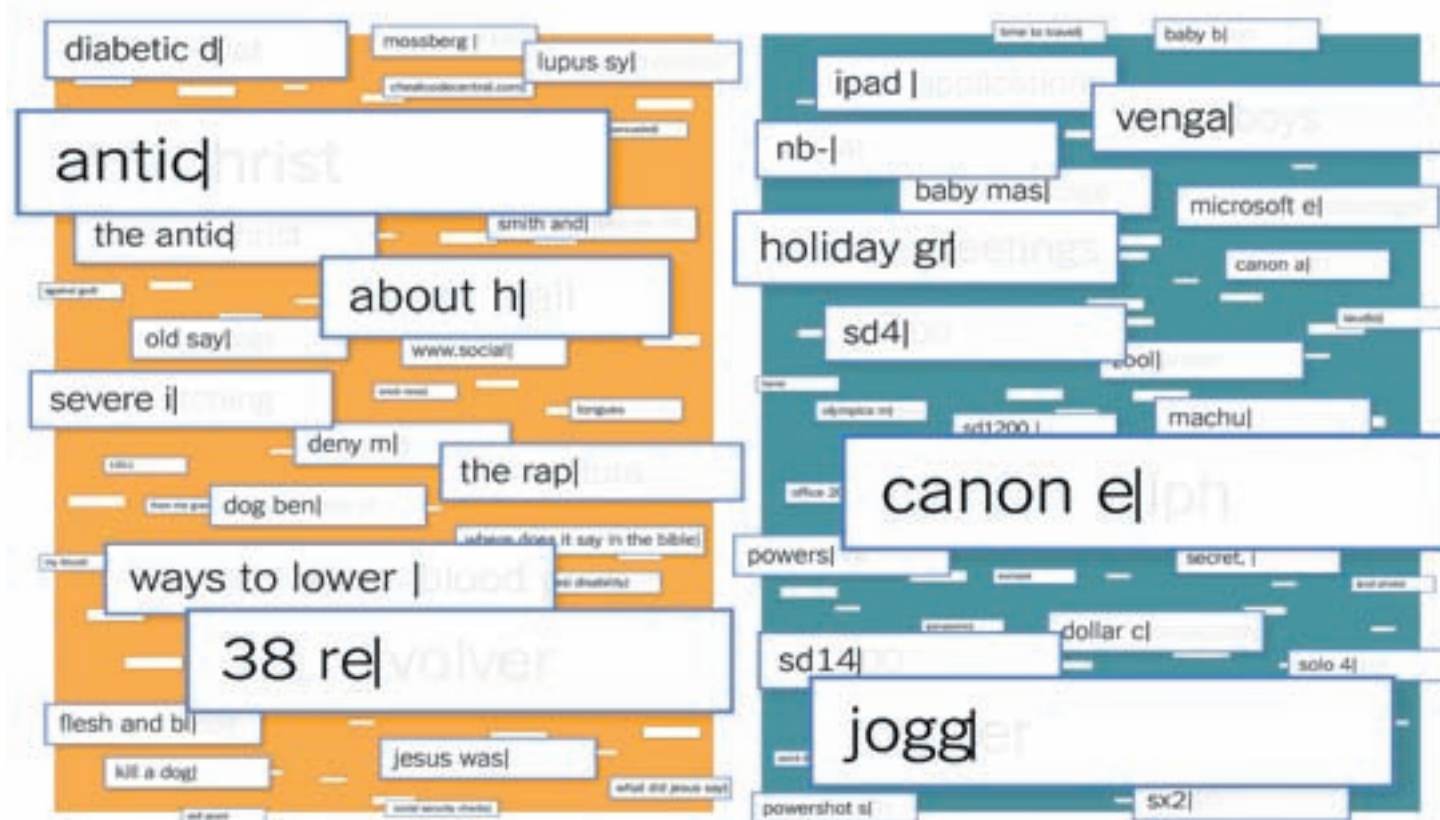
are all common search topics. The dark side of religion is of special interest: Antichrist has the second-highest correlation with the hardest places, and searches containing "hell" and "rapture" also make the top 10. To be clear, these aren't

now, the distinguishing feature will be iPhones," predicts Varian, a former professor at the University of California, Berkeley, who helped design Google's online advertising auctions. Beyond cameras, subjects popular in the easiest places include Baby Joggers,

have noted between the relative importance of individuality in upper-middle-class neighborhoods and community in working-class neighborhoods. "Holiday greetings" are a popular search term in the easiest places, especially California, Connecticut,

shared - was common in the easiest places. For all the ways that the differences here may simply reflect cultural preferences, however, the main lesson of the analysis is a sobering one. The rise of inequality over the last four decades has created two very different Americas, and life is a lot harder in one of them.

Income has stagnated in working-class communities, which helps explain why "selling avon" and "social security checks" correlate with the hardest places from our index. Inequality in health and life expectancy has grown over the same time. And searches on diabetes, lupus, blood pressure, 1,500-calorie diets and "ssi disability" - a reference to the federal benefits program for workers with health problems - also make the list. Guns, meanwhile, are in part a cultural preference, but they are also a health risk. Given all these troubles, you can understand why religious web searches that are relatively more popular in places where life is harder have such a dark cast. "They are not just about religion but about apocalyptic religion," notes Dan Silver, a cultural sociologist at the University of Toronto. In the places on the other end of the spectrum, the picture is much brighter. People have disposable income to buy new technology and take faraway vacations. Their time spent prostrate on a foam roller or out running with the baby in a jogging stroller is more than enough to make up the occasional cupcake. And of course they are intent on passing down their way of life to the next generation, via Baby Bjorns and early access to technology. That last point may be the most troubling. The different subjects that occupy people's thoughts aren't just a window into American life today. They're a window onto future inequality, too. □



An analysis of a decade's worth of web searches shows the different subjects that occupy people's thoughts in the America's toughest and easiest places to live.

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conducted an analysis of every county in the country to determine which were the toughest places to live, based on an index of six factors including income, education and life expectancy. Afterward, we heard from Hal Varian, the chief economist at Google, who suggested looking at how web searches differ on either end of our index. The results, based on a decade of search data, offer a portrait of the very different subjects that occupy the thoughts of richer America and poorer America. They're a glimpse into the id of our national inequality. In the hardest places to live - which include large areas of Kentucky, Arkansas, Maine, New Mexico and Oregon - health problems, weight-loss diets, guns, video games and religion

the most common searches in our list of hardest places. They're the searches with the highest correlation to our index. Searches on some topics, like Oprah Winfrey or the Super Bowl, are popular almost everywhere. The terms on these lists are relatively common subjects for web searches in one kind of place - and rarely a subject in the other. In the easiest places to live, the Canon Elph and other digital cameras dominate the top of the correlation list. Apparently, people in places where life seems good, including Nebraska, Iowa, Wyoming and much of the large metropolitan areas of the Northeast and West Coast, want to record their lives in images. One explanation is that cameras have remained a top-selling piece of technology throughout the last decade. "A few years from

Baby Bjorns and baby massage; Skype and Apple devices like the iPod Nano; a piece of workout equipment known as a foam roller; and various foreign destinations (Machu Picchu, New Zealand, Switzerland and Pyeongchang, the South Korean host city for the 2018 Winter Olympics). The phrase "pull-out" is also relatively popular in the easiest places. It presumably refers to either a kind of sofa or a kind of birth control. There is evidence of the nation's cultural divide in the results, with "Zoolander" (a 2001 movie starring Ben Stiller) and Vengaboys (a Dutch dance-pop band) popular in the easiest places and Kenneth Nixon, of the rock band Framing Hanley, popular in the hardest places. There is also modest evidence of a contrast that academic sociologists

New Jersey and Washington, D.C. In many of these areas, people no longer live near most of their relatives or childhood friends - and need to send holiday cards with updates on their lives. These are also the places where people would seem most likely to order personalized greeting cards online, chock-full of family photos, or to send digital cards. By contrast, across much of the South, stretching from Oklahoma to Kentucky to Georgia, "holiday greetings" were a relatively rare search term. These are also the states where the population is still dominated by native residents. Another such tidbit: "baby shower cake ideas" was a popular search subject in the hardest places, while "best cupcake" - that single-serving-size version of a dessert that used to be